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## **OBSERVATIONS**

### **(Regional and Statewide)**

#### **Consumer and Case Counts**

- At the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2007, DSS had 24,284 open cases (1,818 adoption cases and 22,466 clinical cases). A total of 78,720 consumers<sup>1</sup> (37,089 adults and 41,631 children) were being served. Case counts ranged from 2,957 in the Boston Region to 5,169 in the Southeastern Region. (**Table 1** on page 6)
- From the 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2007, consumer counts and case counts both increased 1%. The consumer population typically drops in the summer quarter (Q1) then rises and levels off during the school quarters (Q2-Q4). This seasonal pattern is related to the rise and fall of child abuse and neglect reports and investigations throughout the year. (**Figs. 1 and 2** on page 7, **Figs. 20 and 21** on page 54)

#### **Consumers in Placement**

- There were 10,081 individuals in placement on the last day of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2007. Included in this count are 8,620 children (less than 18 years old) and 1,461 young adults (18 to 23 years old). (**Table 1**)
- The placement population was distributed across DSS service regions as follows: 22% in the Western Region, 19% in the Southeastern Region, 18% in the Northeastern Region, 14% in the Metro Region, 13% in the Central Region, and 12% in the Boston Region. (**Table 1**)
- Statewide, 21% (or 8,620) of all children (less than 18 years old) with open cases were in placement. The regional statistics for children in placement as a proportion of all children receiving services were: 22% in the West, 22% in Metro, 20% in the Northeast, 19% in the Southeast, 19% in Central, and 19% in Boston. (**Table 2** on page 8)
- Of all children less than 18 years old receiving services, the Pittsfield and Coastal Area Offices had the highest proportions in placement. The lowest proportions of children in placement were found at the Harbor, Van Wart, and Plymouth Area Offices. (**Table 2**)
- From the 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2007, the number of children in placement dropped 8% statewide. Regionally, the fluctuations ranged from -6% in Central to -12% in the Southeast. In the past, declines in quarterly counts of children in placement have occurred in the 4<sup>th</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> Quarters (spanning the summer months). (**Fig. 3** on page 9)

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<sup>1</sup> Total consumers include all individuals with an active case status on the last day of the quarter and were in a case with an assessment for services or a service plan. These selection criteria exclude consumers not in placement who have an active case status that is pending the outcome of an investigation.

### **Children Not in Placement**

- From the 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2007, counts of children not in placement increased 3% statewide. Regional changes ranged from a 1% decline in both the Northeast and Metro to an 8% gain in the Southeast. Quarterly counts of children not in placement display a fluctuating pattern with a distinct drop during the first quarter (summer vacation). (**Fig. 4** on page 9)

### **Age, Sex, Race, Hispanic Origin and Preferred Language of Consumers**

- On the last day of the 4th Quarter of FY'2007, the consumer population included 41,631 (53%) children less than 18 years old and 37,089 (47%) adults 18 years or older. Fifty-three percent of all consumers were identified as female, 46% as male, and 1% were unspecified as of the run-date. Thirty-nine percent (16,288) of all children were adolescents (12 to 17 years old). (**Table 1, Fig. 5** on page 10)
- The number of female children in the DSS caseload was approximately equal to the number of male children. In contrast, the ratio of female to male adults was 1.4:1. (**Fig. 5**)
- The statewide caseload was comprised of 56% White, 15% Black, 2% Asian, 2% Multi-Racial, and less than 1% Native American consumers. Race was unspecified for 24% of the consumers. (**Table 3A** on page 11, **Figs. 6A and 6B** on page 12)
- Of the total consumer population, 23% (18,330 consumers) were of Hispanic origin. Regionally, the highest proportions (and numbers) of Hispanic consumers were in the West and Northeast. (**Table 3B** on page 11, **Figs. 6C and 6D** on page 13)
- The Boston Region's caseload was comprised of 45% Black and 22% White consumers (4,241 and 2,091 consumers, respectively). Asians were most prominent in the Northeast--6% of the caseload (817 consumers, mainly Cambodian). (**Table 3A, Figs. 6A and 6B**)
- A racial comparison of children receiving various services from DSS to children residing in Massachusetts is displayed in the Table A (next page). Black children and Hispanic children are over-represented at all stages in the DSS system. However, the actual extent of racial and ethnic disproportionality is not known given the number of children whose race and/or ethnicity has not been recorded. Additionally, this comparison of statewide statistics does not take into consideration the significant differences in racial and ethnic composition among communities across the state.

<b>Table A.</b>	<b>Children Less than 18 Years Old</b>								
Race	State Census <sup>2</sup> 2000	DSS Not in Care 6/30/07	DSS All Substitute Care* 6/30/07	DSS Foster Care 6/30/07	DSS Congregate Care** 6/30/07	DSS All Care w/Goal of Adoption 6/30/07	DSS All Care w/Goal of Guardianship 6/30/07	DSS Adoptions Legalized FY'2007	DSS Guardianships Legalized FY'2007
White	79%	57%	60%	59%	63%	60%	61%	61%	58%
Black	7%	16%	18%	17%	20%	17%	15%	13%	25%
Asian	4%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%
Native American	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	----	<1%	<1%
Pacific Islander	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	----	<1%	<1%
Multi- Racial	4%	3%	5%	6%	3%	7%	6%	8%	4%
Other/ Unknown	6%	21%	15%	16%	13%	15%	17%	17%	11%
TOTAL %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
TOTAL #	1,500,064	33,011	8,620	6,238	1,836	2,408	446	790	521
Hispanic Origin <sup>3</sup> Yes	11%	29%	25%	26%	24%	27%	22%	27%	20%
Hispanic Origin No	89%	64%	69%	68%	72%	66%	75%	64%	75%
Hispanic Origin Unknown	----	8%	5%	6%	4%	7%	4%	8%	5%
TOTAL %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

NOTE: The summation of relative percentages may not be equal to 100% due to rounding-off.

\*Substitute Care includes: foster care, congregate care, on the run from placement, and non-referral locations such as hospitals, nursing homes, and other state agencies. Despite placement with other state agencies, DSS retains custody of the child.

\*\*Congregate Care includes: group home, residential, and short-term residential placement.

- Table B on the following page displays the racial (and Hispanic origin) composition of children residing in the 11 largest cities in Massachusetts. There is a high minority representation in Boston, Springfield, and to a lesser degree, Brockton and Cambridge. Hispanic children are most prevalent in Springfield, and they are a notable presence in Lynn, Worcester, Boston, and Lowell. The proportion of Asian children is highest in Lowell and Quincy.

<sup>2</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, American Fact Finder (factfinder.census.gov), Decennial Census, Census 2000 Summary, File 1 (SF 1) 100-Percent Data, Detailed Tables (P12, P12A-H), Select Geography.

<sup>3</sup> Children of any race who are Hispanic

**Table B. Census 2000: Children less than 18 Years old residing in the 11 largest cities in Massachusetts<sup>4</sup>**

Race	Boston	Worcester	Springfield	Lowell	Lynn	Brockton	New Bedford	Fall River	Cambridge	Quincy	Newton
White	32%	65%	41%	56%	54%	48%	70%	84%	52%	72%	85%
Black	40%	10%	26%	5%	14%	24%	6%	5%	24%	3%	2%
Asian	7%	6%	2%	23%	10%	3%	1%	4%	9%	21%	9%
Native American	1%	1%	<1%	<1%	1%	<1%	1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
Pacific Islander	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	----	<1%
Multi- Racial	6%	6%	6%	6%	8%	12%	9%	4%	9%	3%	3%
Other/ Unknown	14%	12%	24%	9%	14%	14%	14%	3%	6%	1%	1%
TOTAL %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
TOTAL #	116,559	40,727	44,027	28,341	24,051	26,254	23,327	22,179	13,447	15,381	17,811
Hispanic Origin <sup>5</sup> Yes	24%	26%	40%	21%	27%	12%	17%	7%	13%	3%	3%
TOTAL %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

NOTE: The summation of relative percentages may not be equal to 100% due to rounding-off.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Fact Finder (factfinder.census.gov), Decennial Census, Census 2000 Summary File 1 (SF 1) 100-Percent Data, Detailed Tables (P12, P12A-H), Select Geography.

<sup>4</sup> Selection of cities was based on total population (adults and children).

<sup>5</sup> Children of any race who are Hispanic



### Preferred Language of Consumers

- The Western, Northeastern, and Boston Regions had the highest proportions (and numbers) of Spanish-speaking consumers, 7% (1,151 consumers), 8% (1,099), and 9% (842), respectively. Khmer (Cambodian) was the preferred language of 356 DSS consumers (<1%). Khmer-speaking consumers were mainly concentrated in the Northeast. Other languages and their regions of highest prevalence were Portuguese (Southeast and Metro), Haitian Creole (Metro, Boston, and Southeast), Vietnamese (Boston), Cape Verdean Creole (Southeast and Boston), Chinese (Metro), and Lao (Northeast). (**Table 4** on page 14)
- From 1987 to 1997, there were substantial increases in consumers whose preferred languages were Khmer, Lao, Haitian Creole, Vietnamese, and Spanish. In the following decade (1997-2007), there were declines in consumers from all of these language groups. Although there was a decline in consumers with these preferred /primary languages, there was not a decline in DSS consumers from these ethnic groups. As with all immigrant groups, their children become fluent in English. The new immigrant communities continue to grow, but as time passes those who are fluent in their native language make up a smaller proportion of their community. (See table below)

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Primary Language	Consumers July 1987 No.	Consumers July 1997 No.	Consumers June 2007 No.	1987-1997 Change %	1997-2007 Change %
English/Unspecified*	60,784	66,404	71,398	9%	8%
Spanish	3,664	6,334	4,516	73%	-29%
Khmer Cambodian	253	851	356	236%	-58%
Portuguese	530	380	303	-28%	-20%
Haitian Creole	175	360	260	106%	-28%
Vietnamese	146	273	167	87%	-39%
Cape Verdean Creole	174	247	146	42%	-41%
Chinese	71	61	54	-14%	-11%
American Sign Language	47	23	41	-51%	78%
Lao	30	74	20	147%	-73%
Other	213	310	1,459	46%	371%
<b>Total</b>	<b>66,087</b>	<b>75,317</b>	<b>78,720</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>5%</b>

\* When a primary language was unspecified, it was presumed to be English.

TABLE 1. CASE AND CONSUMER COUNTS BY LOCATION AND DSS REGION: FY'2007, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/07)

Case Counts:	DSS Geographic Region						Adoption		Total
	West	Central	Northeast	Metro	Southeast	Boston	Contracts <sup>(1)</sup>	Other <sup>(2)</sup>	
Adoption	375	269	276	234	329	172	162	1	1,818
Clinical	4,492	3,152	3,853	3,302	4,840	2,785	4	38	22,466
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,867</b>	<b>3,421</b>	<b>4,129</b>	<b>3,536</b>	<b>5,169</b>	<b>2,957</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>24,284</b>
<b>Consumer Counts:</b>									
<b>Adults: <sup>(3)</sup></b>									
In Placement: <sup>(4)</sup> Foster/Congregate Care <sup>(5)</sup>	255	143	291	226	284	218	---	18	1,435
Other <sup>(6)</sup>	2	1	5	4	1	3	---	---	16
On the Run	2	1	4	1	---	2	---	---	10
<b>Total in Placement</b>	259	145	300	231	285	223	---	18	1,461
Not in Placement	7,186	5,287	5,909	5,138	8,001	4,101	---	6	35,628
<b>Total Adults</b>	<b>7,445</b>	<b>5,432</b>	<b>6,209</b>	<b>5,369</b>	<b>8,286</b>	<b>4,324</b>	---	<b>24</b>	<b>37,089</b>
<b>Children:</b>									
In Placement: <sup>(4)</sup> Foster/Congregate Care <sup>(5)</sup>	1,804	1,137	1,368	1,134	1,537	833	238	23	8,074
Other <sup>(6)</sup>	42	53	61	41	38	51	2	---	288
On the Run	70	15	49	27	38	59	---	---	258
<b>Total in Placement</b>	1,916	1,205	1,478	1,202	1,613	943	240	23	8,620
Not in Placement	6,959	4,987	5,736	4,364	6,870	4,059	33	3	33,011
<b>Total Children</b>	<b>8,875</b>	<b>6,192</b>	<b>7,214</b>	<b>5,566</b>	<b>8,483</b>	<b>5,002</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>41,631</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,320</b>	<b>11,624</b>	<b>13,423</b>	<b>10,935</b>	<b>16,769</b>	<b>9,326</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>78,720</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

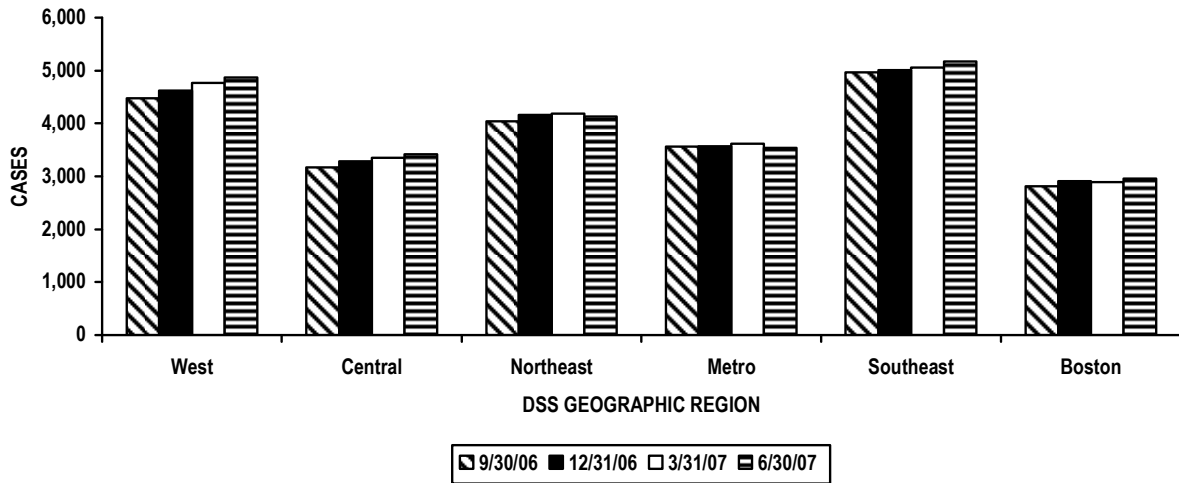
<sup>(3)</sup> Adults are consumers 18 years or older.

<sup>(4)</sup> Children and young adults in the care/custody of DSS. "Adults" in Foster/Residential Care are being transitioned to the Departments of Mental Health (DMH) and Mental Retardation (DMR) or are supported by DSS until graduation from a full-time school or vocational training program (through age 23 for a Bachelor's Degree).

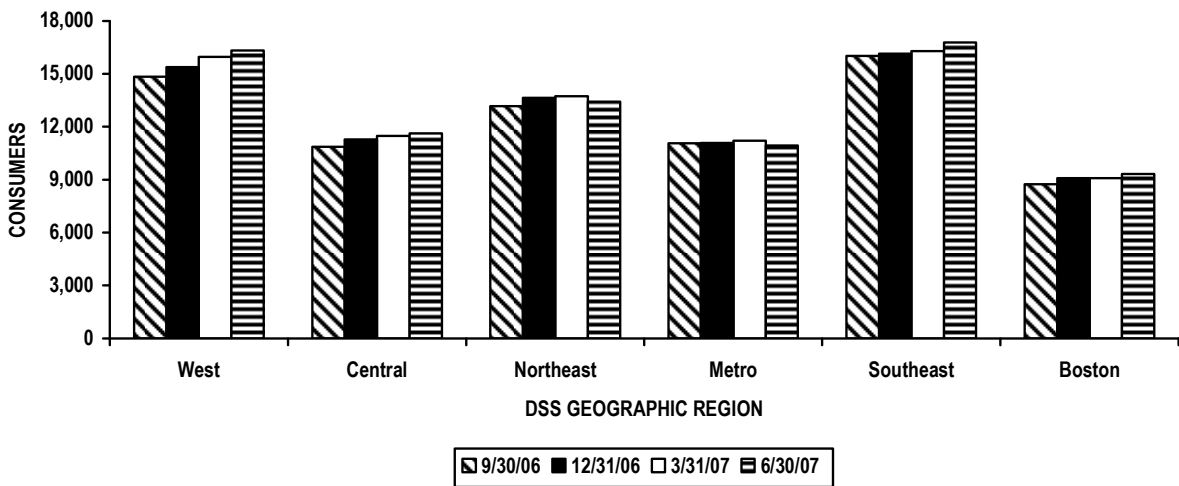
<sup>(5)</sup> See Tables 5A, 5B, and 5C for a breakdown by type of placement.

<sup>(6)</sup> "Other" includes locations such as hospitals and other state agencies.

**FIGURE 1. CASE COUNT BY DSS REGION**  
 (FY'2007, End of 1ST QUARTER to FY'2007, End of 4TH QUARTER)



**FIGURE 2. CONSUMER COUNT BY DSS REGION**  
 (FY'2007, End of 1ST QUARTER to FY'2007, End of 4TH QUARTER)



**TABLE 2. CHILD<sup>(1)</sup> CASELOAD BY DSS: FY'2007, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/07)**

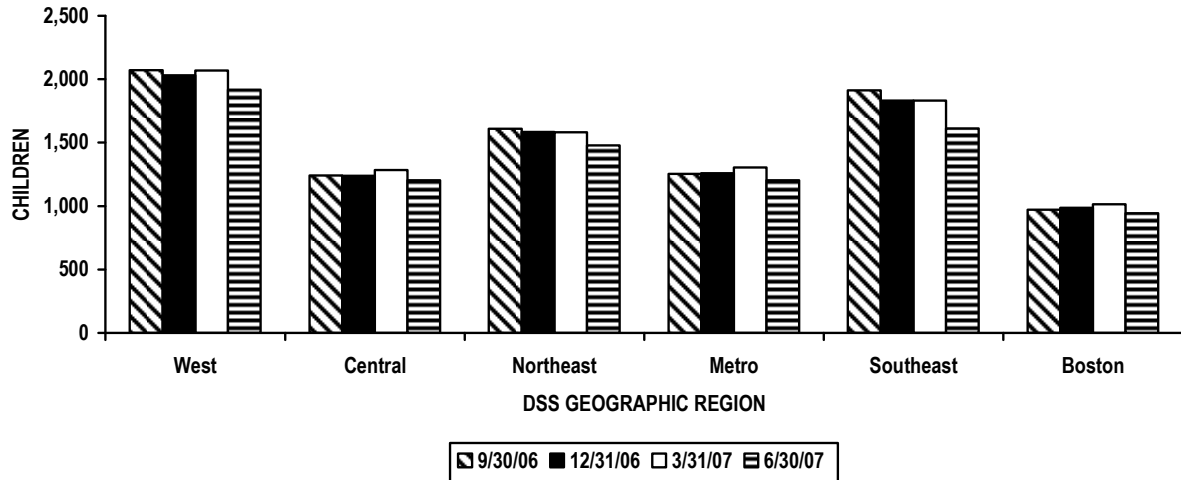
<b>DSS Region/Area</b>	<b>Not in Placement</b>	<b>In Placement</b>	<b>Total Child Caseload</b>	<b>% in Placement</b>
Greenfield	915	320	1,235	26%
Holyoke	1,571	374	1,945	19%
Pittsfield	937	397	1,334	30%
Robert Van Wart	1,903	339	2,242	15%
Springfield	1,618	484	2,102	23%
Contracted Agencies	15	2	17	12%
<b>West</b>	<b>6,959</b>	<b>1,916</b>	<b>8,875</b>	<b>22%</b>
North Central	1,477	305	1,782	17%
South Central	1,118	254	1,372	19%
Worcester East	1,303	325	1,628	20%
Worcester West	1,083	319	1,402	23%
Contracted Agencies	6	2	8	25%
<b>Central</b>	<b>4,987</b>	<b>1,205</b>	<b>6,192</b>	<b>19%</b>
Cape Ann	1,051	267	1,318	20%
Haverhill	985	234	1,219	19%
Lawrence	1,389	315	1,704	18%
Lowell	1,296	377	1,673	23%
Lynn	1,007	284	1,291	22%
Contracted Agencies	8	1	9	11%
<b>Northeast</b>	<b>5,736</b>	<b>1,478</b>	<b>7,214</b>	<b>20%</b>
Arlington	858	227	1,085	21%
Cambridge	727	194	921	21%
Coastal	783	311	1,094	28%
Framingham	759	213	972	22%
Malden	1,228	252	1,480	17%
Contracted Agencies	9	5	14	36%
<b>Metro</b>	<b>4,364</b>	<b>1,202</b>	<b>5,566</b>	<b>22%</b>
Attleboro	950	216	1,166	19%
Brockton	1,238	306	1,544	20%
Cape Cod	824	189	1,013	19%
Fall River	1,245	346	1,591	22%
New Bedford	1,579	356	1,935	18%
Plymouth	1,026	196	1,222	16%
Contracted Agencies	8	4	12	33%
<b>Southeast</b>	<b>6,870</b>	<b>1,613</b>	<b>8,483</b>	<b>19%</b>
Dimock Street	836	204	1,040	20%
Harbor	1,169	204	1,373	15%
Hyde Park	716	239	955	25%
Park Street	1,338	294	1,632	18%
Contracted Agencies	---	2	2	---
<b>Boston</b>	<b>4,059</b>	<b>943</b>	<b>5,002</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b>Adoption Contracts<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>33</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>88%</b>
<b>Other<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>3</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>88%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>33,011</b>	<b>8,620</b>	<b>41,631</b>	<b>21%</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Children are less than 18 years old.

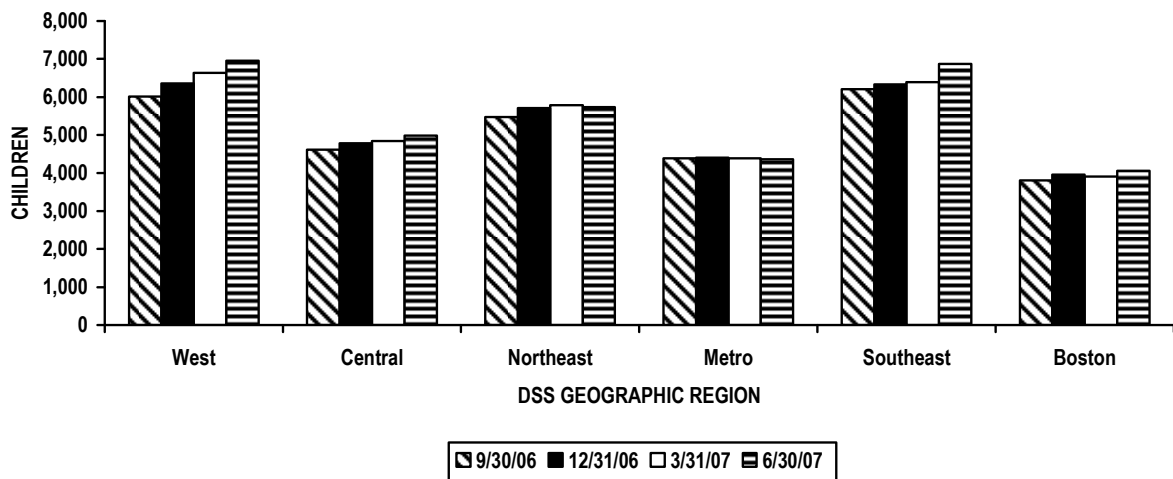
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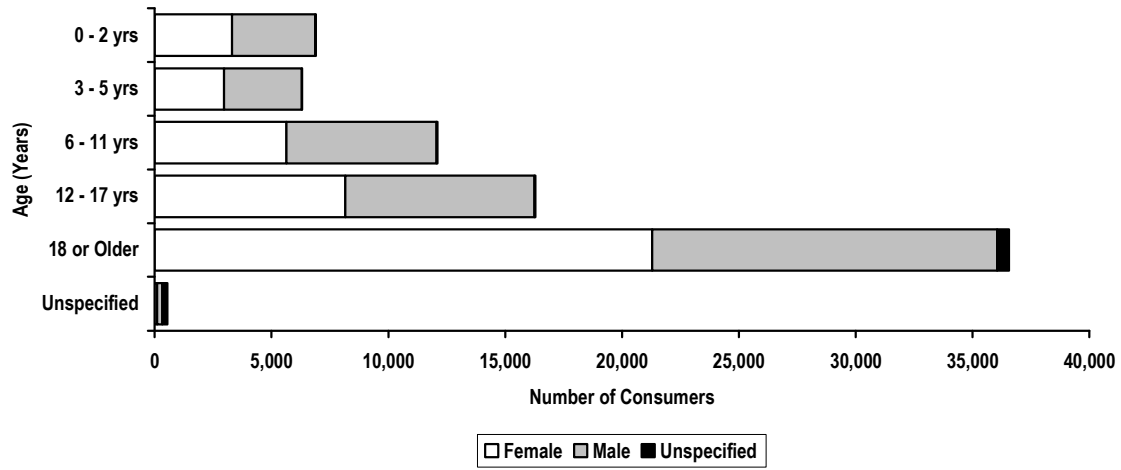
**FIGURE 3. CHILDREN IN PLACEMENT BY DSS REGION  
(FY'2007, End of 1ST QUARTER to FY'2007, End of 4TH QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 4. CHILDREN NOT IN PLACEMENT BY DSS REGION  
(FY'2007, End of 1ST QUARTER to FY'2007, End of 4TH QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 5. AGE AND SEX OF CONSUMERS: STATEWIDE  
FY'2007, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/07)**



Age (Yrs)	Sex			Total
	Female	Male	Unspecified <sup>(1)</sup>	
0 - 2	3,320	3,553	32	6,905
3 - 5	2,973	3,325	15	6,313
6 - 11	5,636	6,425	38	12,099
12 - 17	8,153	8,108	27	16,288
18 or older	21,291	14,762	514	36,567
Unspecified <sup>(1)</sup>	109	224	215	548
<b>Total</b>	<b>41,482</b>	<b>36,397</b>	<b>841</b>	<b>78,720</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Unspecified includes 522 individuals with the role "Consumer Adult" and 26 individuals with the role "Consumer Child" whose ages were unknown and 841 consumers whose gender was not specified as of the run date.

TABLE 3A. RACE OF CONSUMERS BY DSS REGION: FY'2007, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/07)

Race	DSS Geographic Region												Adoption		Other <sup>(2)</sup>		Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts <sup>(1)</sup>					
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
White	9,382	57%	7,402	64%	7,601	57%	6,602	60%	10,666	64%	2,091	22%	128	47%	6	12%	43,878	56%
Black	1,732	11%	992	9%	965	7%	1,686	15%	2,300	14%	4,241	45%	55	20%	36	72%	12,007	15%
Asian	64	*	93	1%	817	6%	242	2%	126	1%	263	3%	5	2%	3	6%	1,613	2%
Native American	15	*	25	*	19	*	11	*	55	*	8	*	1	*	---	---	134	*
Other <sup>(3)</sup>	7	*	5	*	3	*	7	*	8	*	7	*	---	---	---	---	37	*
Multi-Racial	378	2%	264	2%	324	2%	219	2%	466	3%	158	2%	24	9%	---	---	1,833	2%
Unspecified	4,742	29%	2,843	24%	3,694	28%	2,168	20%	3,148	19%	2,558	27%	60	22%	5	10%	19,218	24%
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,320</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11,624</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>13,423</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>10,935</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>16,769</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>9,326</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>78,720</b>	<b>100%</b>

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

<sup>(1)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.<sup>(2)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.<sup>(3)</sup> Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

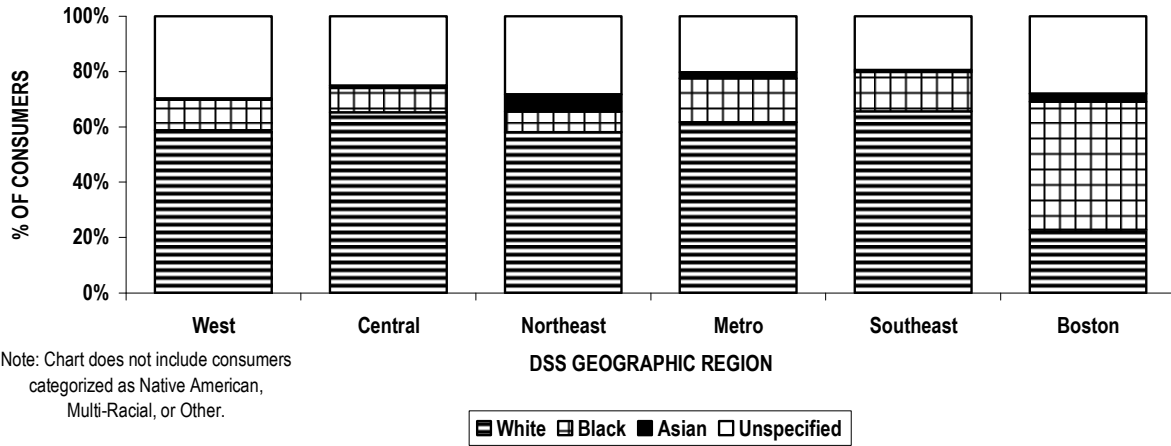
TABLE 3B. HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN OF CONSUMERS BY DSS REGION: FY'2007, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/07)

Origin	DSS Geographic Region												Adoption		Other <sup>(3)</sup>		Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts <sup>(2)</sup>					
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Hispanic/Latino <sup>(1)</sup>	4,969	30%	2,835	24%	4,178	31%	1,585	14%	1,942	12%	2,745	29%	73	27%	3	6%	18,330	23%
Not Hispanic/Latino	8,247	51%	6,934	60%	7,500	56%	7,017	64%	11,295	67%	5,206	56%	185	68%	36	72%	46,420	59%
Unspecified	3,104	19%	1,855	16%	1,745	13%	2,333	21%	3,532	21%	1,375	15%	15	5%	11	22%	13,970	18%
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,320</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11,624</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>13,423</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>10,935</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>16,769</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>9,326</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>78,720</b>	<b>100%</b>

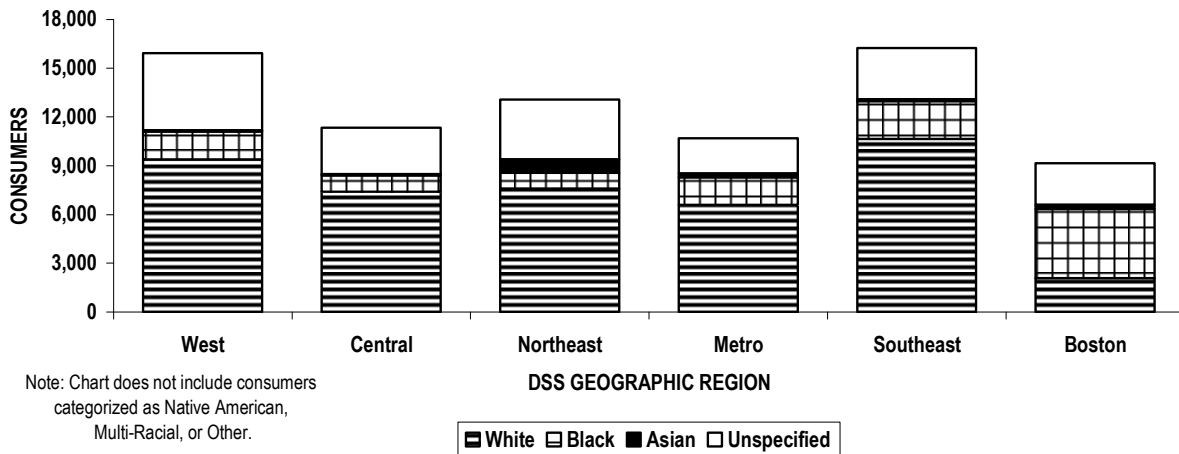
Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

<sup>(1)</sup> Consumers of any race who self-identify as being of Hispanic origin.<sup>(2)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.<sup>(3)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**FIGURE 6A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS BY RACE**  
**FY'07, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/07)**

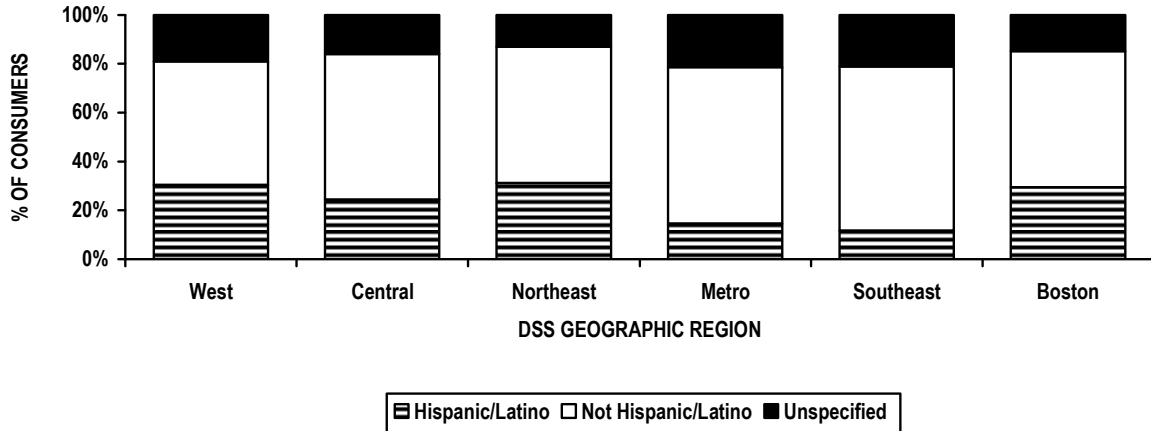


**FIGURE 6B. REGIONAL COUNT OF CONSUMERS BY RACE**  
**FY'07, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/07)**





**FIGURE 6C. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS BY HISPANIC ORIGIN**  
**FY'07, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/07)**



**FIGURE 6D. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS BY HISPANIC ORIGIN**  
**FY'07, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/07)**

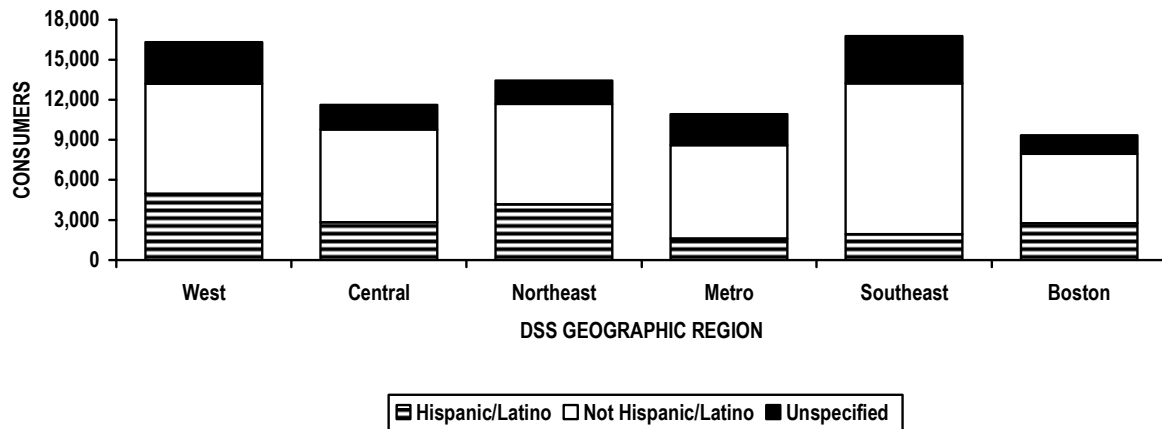


TABLE 4. PRIMARY LANGUAGE OF CONSUMERS BY DSS REGION: FY2007, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/07)

Primary Language	DSS Geographic Region														Adoption				Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts <sup>(1)</sup>		Other <sup>(2)</sup>					
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Spanish	1,151	7%	597	5%	1,099	8%	414	4%	395	2%	842	9%	13	5%	5	10%	4,516	6%		
Khmer (Cambodian)	6	*	1	*	284	2%	3	*	48	*	14	*	---	---	---	---	356	*		
Portuguese	4	*	23	*	44	*	97	1%	121	1%	14	*	---	---	---	---	303	*		
Haitian Creole	1	*	---	---	7	*	122	1%	62	*	68	1%	---	---	---	---	260	*		
Vietnamese	2	*	35	*	17	*	28	*	5	*	77	1%	3	1%	---	---	167	*		
Cape Verdean Creole	---	---	1	*	1	*	5	*	94	1%	45	*	---	---	---	---	146	*		
Chinese	2	*	2	*	---	---	37	*	---	---	10	*	---	---	3	6%	54	*		
Lao	---	---	2	*	18	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	20	*		
American Sign Lang.	1	*	4	*	9	*	8	*	9	*	10	*	---	---	---	---	41	*		
Other	381	2%	204	2%	148	1%	169	2%	354	2%	182	2%	2	1%	19	38%	1,459	2%		
EnglishUnspecified	14,772	91%	10,755	93%	11,796	88%	10,052	92%	15,681	94%	8,064	86%	255	93%	23	46%	71,398	91%		
Total	16,320	100%	11,624	100%	13,423	100%	10,935	100%	16,769	100%	9,326	100%	273	100%	50	100%	78,720	100%		

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

<sup>(1)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

## **Profile of Consumers in Placement**<sup>6</sup>

### **Foster and Congregate Care**

- There were 7,310 consumers in foster care and 2,199 consumers in congregate care<sup>7</sup> on the last day of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2007. Foster care populations were highest in the Western and Southeastern Regions. The number of consumers in congregate care was greatest in the Northeastern, Metro, and Southeastern Regions. **(Table 5A)**
- The largest age group in foster care was 12-17 years (31-37% range across regions). Among regions, the West, Southeast, and Northeast had the highest numbers of adolescents in foster care, 588, 437, and 436, respectively. **(Table 5A)**
- Adolescents were the primary age group in congregate care, ranging from 65% to 73% across the regions. The Northeastern, Metro, and Southeastern Regions had the largest adolescent populations in congregate care, 344, 316, and 295, respectively. **(Table 5A)**
- Consumers in “Other” placement locations<sup>8</sup> were primarily adolescents (67-91% regional range). **(Table 5A)**
- There were 1,457 consumers in “Intensive” foster care<sup>9</sup> (IFC) and 5,853 consumers in “Departmental” foster care. Departmental foster care was separated into unrestricted (38% of consumers), kinship (32%), child specific (11%), pre-adoptive (7%), and independent living (12%). **(Table 5B)**
- The Western Region had the highest number of consumers in IFC **(Table 5B)**.
- A breakdown of Departmental foster care showed the West had the largest number of consumers in unrestricted, child-specific, and pre-adoptive foster care. The Southeast had the most consumers in kinship care. Consumers in independent living were highest in the Northeast and Southeast. **(Fig. 7B, Table 5B)**

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<sup>6</sup>Consumers include children less than 18 years old and young adults 18 to 23 years old.

<sup>7</sup>Congregate Care includes: group home, residential, and short-term residential placement.

<sup>8</sup>“Other” includes locations like hospitals, nursing homes, and other state agencies, as well as children on the run from placement.

<sup>9</sup>Intensive Foster Care encompasses and expands upon services formerly known as “Contracted” foster care (Therapeutic, Diagnostic, Independent Living, Emergency Shelter, and Other models). IFC programs provide therapeutic services and supports in a family-based placement setting to children and youth for whom a traditional foster care environment is not sufficiently supportive, who are transitioning from a residential/group home level of care and require the intensity of services available through this program, or who are being discharged from a hospital setting.

- The proportions of consumers in different types of departmental foster care are displayed for each region in Figure 7A. Consumers in unrestricted homes were most prevalent in the West. Metro had the largest proportion of consumers in kinship homes. Consumers in child-specific homes were most evident in the West and Boston. The Western and Central Regions had the highest proportions of consumers in pre-adoptive homes. Consumers in independent living were proportionally higher in the Northeast and Boston as compared to the other regions. **(Fig. 7A)**
- The major congregate care programs were group homes (965 consumers), residential (886), and short-term residential placement services (Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration also known as STARR)<sup>10</sup> (348 consumers). The number of consumers in residential programs dropped 11% from the previous quarter. **(Table 5C)**
- The proportions of consumers in different types of congregate care are shown for each region in Figure 8A. The Western Region had the highest proportion of consumers in group homes. The proportion of consumers in residential was most significant in the Southeast. Children in STARR placements were more prevalent in the Southeastern and Central Regions. **(Fig. 8A)**
- The number of consumers in group homes was highest in the Northeast. The Northeast and Southeast had the most consumers in residential. The Southeast had the most children in the STARR program. **(Fig. 8B)**
- Consumers in the residential program were mostly situated in Residential schools.<sup>11</sup> **(Table 5C)**
- The primary models in the group home program were group home (408 consumers), behavioral treatment residence (BTR) (333), and independent living (224). **(Table 5C)**
- From the 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2007, there were statewide declines of 8% and 6% in foster care children and congregate care children, respectively. Regionally, the highest decreases in foster children occurred in Boston (-13%) and the Southeast (-12%). The most significant declines in congregate care children occurred in Metro (-8%) and the Northeast (-7%). **(Figs. 9 and 10).**

<sup>10</sup> Services focused on supporting a rapid reintegration or transition to a next placement.

<sup>11</sup> Staff secure placement is for children who have not sufficiently internalized behavioral controls and require a more highly structured setting to help them manage their behavior. These facilities are licensed by the Department of Education. Special education services are provided according to the child's Individual Education Plan (IEP).

### **All Placement Locations (Combined Counts)**

- At the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2007, the statewide placement population was comprised of 51% boys and 49% girls. Regionally, the gender difference showed little deviation from the state. **(Table 6A, Fig. 11A)**
- Statewide, 59% of all consumers in placement were White, 19% were Black, 2% were Asian, less than 1% were Native American, and 5% were multi-racial. Race was unspecified for 15% of the placement population. **(Table 6A, Fig. 11A)**
- The proportion of minority consumers in placement was highest in the Boston Region. **(Table 6A)**
- Of the total placement population, 25% (2,492 consumers) self-identified as being of Hispanic origin. Hispanic consumers were most prevalent in the Western and Northeastern Regions. **(Table 6A, Fig. 11A)**
- Race was unspecified for a relatively large number of consumers in placement in the Western and Northeastern Regions. These high values may be attributable to the large number of Hispanic consumers in placement, who may not self-identify with any of the racial categories. **(Table 6A)**
- Adolescents were the largest age group in placement in each of the DSS Regions. The proportion of adolescents ranged from 41% in the West to 49% in both Boston and the Northeast. **(Table 6B)**
- The number of young adults (18 years or older) in placement ranged from 145 in the Central Region to 300 in the Northeastern Region. **(Table 6B)**
- The most prominent service plan goals of consumers in placement were “Family Reunification” (31% of all consumers in placement), “Adoption” (24%), and Living Independently (21%). Regionally, the Southeast had the highest number and proportion of consumers in placement with a goal of reunifying the family. The West had the highest number and second highest proportion of consumers in placement with a goal of adoption. The largest numbers of consumers with a goal of “Independent Living” were evenly distributed over three regions—Northeast, Southeast, and West. **(Table 6B, Fig. 11B)**
- Statewide, 37% of the placement population had been in continuous care<sup>12</sup> for more than 2 years, 22% between 1 and 2 years, and 41% for 1 year or less. **(Table 6B, Fig. 11B)**

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<sup>12</sup> Length of stay in placement, as measured by a “point-in-time snapshot” of consumers residing in care, is not representative of all individuals who spend time in care during some specified period. It is biased because consumers in continuous long-term placement are over-represented in “snapshot” counts and many others who enter and leave placement quickly are not counted at all.

- The Northeastern Region had the highest proportion of consumers in continuous<sup>13</sup> care for more than two years (43%). Central had the highest proportion of consumers in care for one year or less (48%). The West and Southeast had the largest numbers of consumers in care for one year or less (852 and 785, respectively). The West had the largest number of consumers in care for more than two years (795). **(Table 6B)**
- Tables 7A and 7B display the race and Hispanic origin of consumers in placement by their length of time in continuous care. There was a tendency for a greater proportion of Black consumers to be in care for more than two years as compared to other races (42% for Black vs. 37% for White, 39% for Hispanic, 36% for Asian, 33% for Multi-Racial). **(Tables 7A and 7B)**
- At the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2007 ("snapshot" on 6/30/07), the median time in continuous care was 1.2 years and the median<sup>14</sup> age was 12.4 years for all children less than 18 years old in placement. Over the past 16 years, the median age of children in care has slowly increased while the median time in placement has been fairly stable. (See table below).

<b>All Children in Placement<sup>15</sup></b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Median Age (yrs)</b>	<b>Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)</b>	<b>Number of Children</b>
7/92	9.2	1.5	12,311
7/93	9.3	1.6	12,577
7/94	9.1	1.4	12,977
7/95	9.2	1.3	13,056
7/96	9.7	1.4	12,643
7/97	10.2	1.4	11,957
9/98*	10.5	1.4	10,872
6/99*	11.0	1.2	10,134
6/00*	11.2	1.5	9,676
6/01*	11.5	1.4	9,955
6/02	11.9	1.5	10,033
6/03	12.2	1.5	10,233
6/04	12.3	1.5	9,829
6/05	12.6	1.4	9,474
6/06	12.6	1.2	9,586
9/06	12.6	1.2	9,306
12/06	12.6	1.2	9,203
3/07	12.6	1.2	9,352
6/07	12.4	1.2	8,620

Note: Children are less than 18 years old.

\* = revised statistics

<sup>13</sup> Continuous time in care is defined as the span of time from the child's most recent placement entry to the Quarter End Date (June 30, 2007).

<sup>14</sup> Half of the children are younger than the median and half are older.

<sup>15</sup> Children are less than 18 years old.

- A racial and Hispanic origin breakdown of children in placement is presented in the following table. The median age of minority children was greater than the median age of white children. Median time in care was similar for white and minority children.

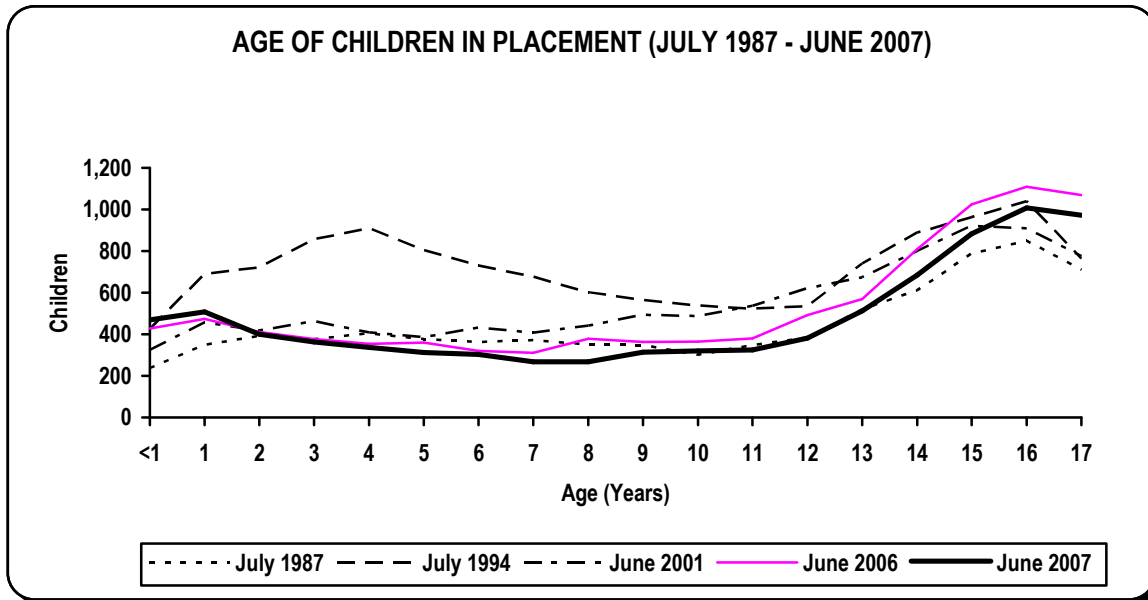
<b>All Children in Placement<sup>16</sup> on 3/31/07</b>			
<b>Race</b>	<b>Median Age (yrs)</b>	<b>Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)</b>	<b>Number of Children</b>
White	12.2	1.2	5,138
Black	13.6	1.2	1,594
Asian	14.6	0.8	136
Native American	13.0	2.7	12
Pacific Islander	15.1	1.0	7
Multi-Racial	7.2	1.1	427
Unknown	12.0	1.1	1,306
<b>TOTAL</b>	12.4	1.2	8,620
Hispanic Origin <sup>17</sup>	12.5	1.3	2,192

Note: Children are less than 18 years old.

The figure on the next page shows the ages of children in placement at four points in time. From 1987 to 1994, the number of younger children in care increased at a faster rate than the number of adolescents. Peak numbers of young children were reached in 1994. Thereafter, the trend reversed as subsequent age curves showed a gradual reduction in the young child population. By the years 2001-2007, the age distributions of children in placement dropped to levels that approached the 1987 curve. Throughout this 21 year period, the adolescent population was relatively stable. However, there has been some fluctuation from 2001 to 2007 in the number of teens 15-17 years old. It should be noted that the total number of children in care (less than 18 years old) at each point in time was 8,078 in 1987, 12,977 in 1994, 9,732 in 2001, 9,586 in 2006, and 8,620 in 2007.

<sup>16</sup> Children are less than 18 years old.

<sup>17</sup> Children of any race who are Hispanic



### Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption

- Out of 2,415 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption, 1,445 (60%) were White, 407 (17%) were Black, 11 (<1%) were Asian, 3 (<1%) were Native American, and 177 (7%) were multi-racial. Race was unspecified for 15%. Twenty-seven percent (660) of all consumers in placement with a goal of adoption were of Hispanic origin. (**Tables 8A and 8B, Fig. 12A**)
- The age distribution of 2,415 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption was: 28% age 0-2 years, 24% age 3-5 years, 35% age 6-11 years, and 12% age 12-17 years. (**Table 8C, Fig. 12A**)
- Fifty-two percent of the consumers with a goal of adoption were male and 48% were female. (**Fig. 12A**)
- Forty-two percent of the consumers in placement with a goal of adoption had been in continuous placement for more than two years. (**Table 8D, Fig. 12A**)
- Forty-seven percent of the consumers in placement with a goal of guardianship had been in continuous placement for more than two years. (**Table 8D**)



- There has been a decline in the number of children<sup>18</sup> in placement with a goal of adoption since 1994 (peak value of 4,522). In 1997, this group of “waiting” children fell below 4,000 for the first time since 1991. In general, changes in the number of children with a goal of adoption have coincided with changes in the placement population. (See table below)
- The proportion of “waiting” children reached its highest level in 1994 (35%). Since 1994, the proportion of children with a goal of adoption has dropped to 26-28% in 2006-2007. (See table below)

<b>Date</b>	<b>Children in Placement</b>	<b>Children in Placement with a Goal of Adoption</b>	<b>% of Children with a Goal of Adoption</b>
7/91	12,397	3,541	29%
7/92	12,311	4,116	33%
7/93	12,577	4,244	34%
7/94	12,977	4,522	35%
7/95	13,056	4,352	33%
7/96	12,463	4,251	34%
7/97	11,957	3,673	31%
1/98	11,170	3,489	31%
9/98	10,872*	NA	NA
6/99	10,134*	3,118	31%
6/00	9,676*	3,089	32%
6/01	9,955*	2,859	29%
6/02	10,033	2,844	28%
6/03	10,233	2,864*	28%
6/04	9,829	2,761*	28%
6/05	9,474	2,569	27%
6/06	9,586	2,481	26%
9/06	9,306	2,456	26%
12/06	9,203	2,409	26%
3/07	9,352	2,466	26%
6/07	8,620	2,408	28%

Note: Children are less than 18 years old.

\* = revised statistics

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<sup>18</sup> Children are less than 18 years old.

- Of the 2,415 “waiting” consumers in placement with a goal of adoption, 41% were legally free for adoption. Eighty-one percent of the freed children were matched to a permanent family. **(Fig. 12B)**
- The age distribution for consumers legally free for adoption differed slightly from the age group distribution for all consumers with a goal of adoption (See below and Fig. 12A). The larger proportion of adolescents in the freed population is a reflection of the difficulty in achieving adoptions for older children. The younger children who are legally free are getting adopted while the adolescents who are legally free are “stuck” in placement. A separate analysis of adopted children showed that the proportion of older children (11-17 years old) who are adopted accounts for only 14% of all adoptions. Also, the time from being legally free to adoption is much longer for these older children.

Age Group (years)	Children Legally Free for Adoption		All Children with a Goal of Adoption	
	No.	%	No.	%
0 – 2	271	27%	684	28%
3 – 5	218	22%	578	24%
6 – 11	349	35%	847	35%
12 – 17	156	16%	299	12%
<b>Total</b>	994	100%	2,408	100%

Note: These children are less than 18 years old. All children 18 years or older are free for adoption.

- Of those children who were not legally free for adoption (59%), 66% were matched to permanent families **(Fig. 12B)**.
- The Boston Region had the highest proportion (62%) of “waiting” children who were legally free for adoption. The Western, Metro, and Southeastern Regions had the highest proportions of “waiting” children who were matched to a permanent family (85%, 82%, and 81%, respectively). **(Figs. 12C and 12D)**

TABLE 5A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT - AGE AND LOCATION BY DSS REGION: FY'2007, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/07)

DSS Geographic Region <sup>(1)</sup>		Placement Location of Consumers						Total No.
		Foster Care		Congregate Care		Other <sup>(2)</sup>		
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
West	Age Group	1,751		308		116		2,175
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	330	19%	---	---	1	1%	331
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	263	15%	3	1%	1	1%	267
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	373	21%	48	16%	4	3%	425
	(12 - 17 yrs)	588	34%	199	65%	106	91%	893
	18 or older	197	11%	58	19%	4	3%	259
Central		1,015		265		70		1,350
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	216	21%	---	---	2	3%	218
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	132	13%	2	1%	2	3%	136
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	218	21%	47	18%	17	24%	282
	(12 - 17 yrs)	331	33%	191	72%	47	67%	569
	18 or older	118	12%	25	9%	2	3%	145
Northeast		1,188		471		119		1,778
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	168	14%	---	---	5	4%	173
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	132	11%	1	*	4	3%	137
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	239	20%	48	10%	12	10%	299
	(12 - 17 yrs)	436	37%	344	73%	89	75%	869
	18 or older	213	18%	78	17%	9	8%	300
Metro		917		443		73		1,433
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	175	19%	1	*	2	3%	178
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	113	12%	3	1%	2	3%	118
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	175	19%	41	9%	4	5%	220
	(12 - 17 yrs)	310	34%	316	71%	60	82%	686
	18 or older	144	16%	82	19%	5	7%	231
Southeast		1,405		416		77		1,898
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	293	21%	3	1%	2	3%	298
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	190	14%	4	1%	1	1%	195
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	252	18%	63	15%	11	14%	326
	(12 - 17 yrs)	437	31%	295	71%	62	81%	794
	18 or older	233	17%	51	12%	1	1%	285
Boston		756		295		115		1,166
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	133	18%	---	---	1	1%	134
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	91	12%	3	1%	---	---	94
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	106	14%	30	10%	4	3%	140
	(12 - 17 yrs)	277	37%	193	65%	105	91%	575
	18 or older	149	20%	69	23%	5	4%	223
Adoption Contracts <sup>(3)</sup>		237		1		2		240
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	42	18%	---	---	---	---	42
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	62	26%	---	---	---	---	62
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	98	41%	---	---	1	50%	99
	(12 - 17 yrs)	35	15%	1	100%	1	50%	37
Other <sup>(4)</sup>		41		---		---		41
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	2	5%	---	---	---	---	2
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	3	7%	---	---	---	---	3
	(12 - 17 yrs)	18	44%	---	---	---	---	18
	18 or older	18	44%	---	---	---	---	18
Total		7,310		2,199		572		10,081

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

<sup>(1)</sup> Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DSS Region).<sup>(2)</sup> "Other" includes locations such as hospitals and other state agencies, as well as consumers on the run from placement.<sup>(3)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.<sup>(4)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

TABLE 5B. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DSS REGION: FY'2007, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/07)

TABLE OF FOSTER CARE BY REGION AND AGE GROUP, AND BY TYPE OF CARE									
DSS Geographic Region <sup>(1)</sup>		Foster Care							Foster Care Total
		Intensive Foster Care		Departmental Foster Care					
		Intensive Foster Care <sup>(2)</sup>	Other <sup>(3)</sup>	Child Specific	Independent Living	Kinship	Pre-Adoptive	Unrestricted	
West	Age Group	333	2	188	122	353	114	639	1,751
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	12	---	24	---	88	52	154	330
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	14	1	23	---	65	38	122	263
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	49	---	52	---	108	20	144	373
	(12 - 17 yrs)	221	1	77	5	85	4	195	588
	18 or older	37	---	12	117	7	---	24	197
Central		219	3	85	58	260	69	321	1,015
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	3	1	9	---	70	31	102	216
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	5	---	10	---	51	17	49	132
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	39	---	17	---	65	18	79	218
	(12 - 17 yrs)	143	2	38	2	64	3	79	331
	18 or older	29	---	11	56	10	---	12	118
Northeast		298	24	91	155	304	46	270	1,188
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	34	1	3	---	45	18	67	168
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	15	---	7	---	61	7	42	132
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	57	---	19	---	100	17	46	239
	(12 - 17 yrs)	159	14	52	8	94	4	105	436
	18 or older	33	9	10	147	4	---	10	213
Metro		172	3	87	84	299	56	216	917
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	12	1	7	---	66	22	67	175
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	8	---	6	---	63	12	24	113
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	35	---	19	---	68	17	36	175
	(12 - 17 yrs)	101	1	39	1	91	5	72	310
	18 or older	16	1	16	83	11	---	17	144
Southeast		190	9	121	155	431	51	448	1,405
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	8	---	19	---	93	23	150	293
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	12	---	20	---	76	15	67	190
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	31	---	22	---	102	9	88	252
	(12 - 17 yrs)	117	---	46	10	144	4	116	437
	18 or older	22	9	14	145	16	---	27	233
Boston		169	3	71	97	176	32	208	756
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	5	1	13	---	39	20	55	133
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	11	---	6	---	41	8	25	91
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	29	1	13	---	37	3	23	106
	(12 - 17 yrs)	99	---	30	1	52	1	94	277
	18 or older	25	1	9	96	7	---	11	149
Adoption Contracts <sup>(4)</sup>		32	---	17	---	50	44	94	237
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	4	---	12	7	19	42
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	4	---	4	---	11	15	28	62
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	13	---	5	---	24	17	39	98
	(12 - 17 yrs)	15	---	4	---	3	5	8	35
Other <sup>(5)</sup>		---	---	7	6	2	---	26	41
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	1	---	---	---	1	2
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	1	---	---	---	2	3
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	---	5	1	---	---	12	18
	18 or older	---	---	---	5	2	---	11	18
Total		1,413	44	667	677	1,875	412	2,222	7,310

<sup>(1)</sup> Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DSS Region).<sup>(2)</sup> IFC includes "Teen Parent Rate" model.<sup>(3)</sup> Other includes "Sibling Rate" model.<sup>(4)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.<sup>(5)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

TABLE 5C. CONSUMERS IN CONGREGATE CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DSS REGION: FY'2007, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/07)

DSS Geographic Region <sup>(1)</sup>	Congregate Care						Total
	Group Home			Residential		STARR <sup>(3)</sup>	
	Behavioral Treatment Residence	Group Home	Independent Living	Residential School	Other Residential <sup>(2)</sup>		
West	89	43	25	87	17	47	308
( 3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	3	3
( 6 - 11 yrs)	6	5	---	22	3	12	48
(12 - 17 yrs)	81	21	4	51	10	32	199
18 or older	2	17	21	14	4	---	58
Central	49	47	8	104	6	51	265
( 3 - 5 yrs)	---	2	---	---	---	---	2
( 6 - 11 yrs)	6	4	---	23	---	14	47
(12 - 17 yrs)	37	35	5	73	5	36	191
18 or older	6	6	3	8	1	1	25
Northeast	75	73	73	187	4	59	471
( 3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
( 6 - 11 yrs)	8	8	---	24	---	8	48
(12 - 17 yrs)	66	55	25	145	3	50	344
18 or older	1	10	48	18	1	---	78
Metro	43	109	54	161	9	67	443
( 0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	1	---	1
( 3 - 5 yrs)	---	1	---	1	---	1	3
( 6 - 11 yrs)	3	2	---	29	---	7	41
(12 - 17 yrs)	39	89	15	110	4	59	316
18 or older	1	17	39	21	4	---	82
Southeast	58	62	24	179	11	82	416
( 0 - 2 yrs)	---	1	---	---	---	2	3
( 3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	1	3	4
( 6 - 11 yrs)	24	2	---	23	---	14	63
(12 - 17 yrs)	33	50	6	137	6	63	295
18 or older	1	9	18	19	4	---	51
Boston	19	73	40	104	17	42	295
( 3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	3	3
( 6 - 11 yrs)	8	2	---	11	1	8	30
(12 - 17 yrs)	10	59	9	70	15	30	193
18 or older	1	12	31	23	1	1	69
Adoption Contract Region	---	1	---	---	---	---	1
(12 - 17 yrs)	---	1	---	---	---	---	1
Total	333	408	224	822	64	348	2,199

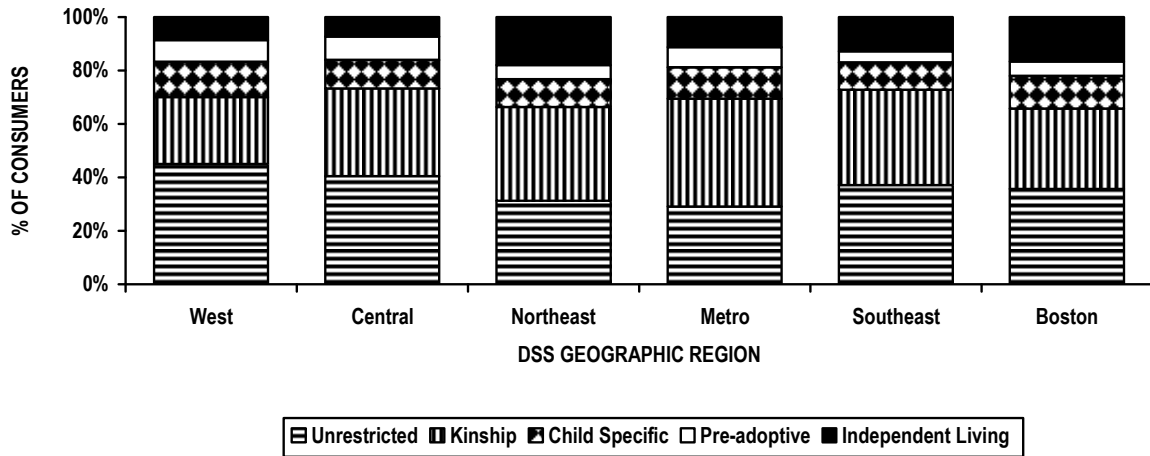
<sup>(1)</sup> Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DSS Region).

<sup>(2)</sup> "Old" taxonomy includes bridge home (1), regular group home (28), chap. 766 (27), teen pregnancy/parenting group home (26), diagnostic (2), Other (27).

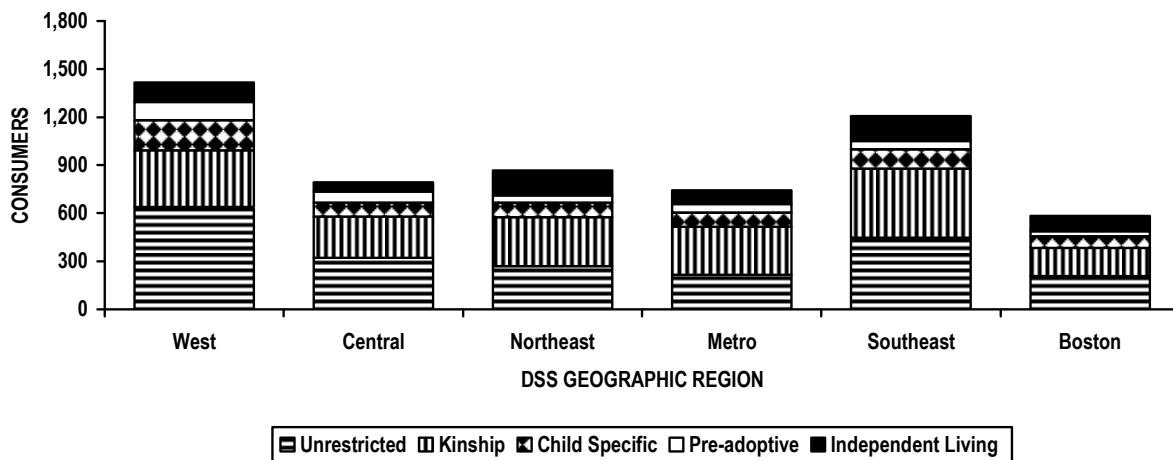
<sup>(3)</sup> STARR = Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration (short-term residential placement service)

<sup>(4)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

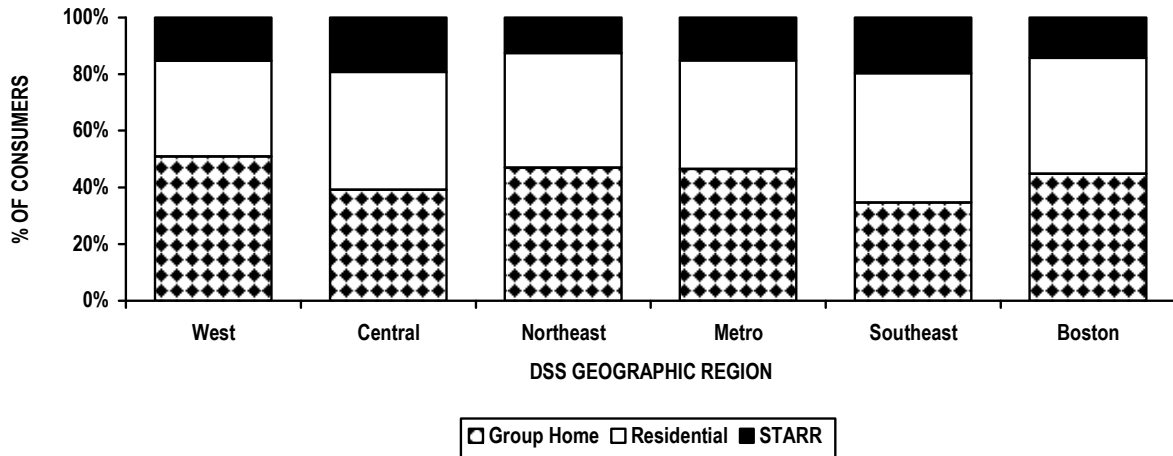
**FIGURE 7A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS  
IN DEPARTMENTAL FOSTER CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION  
FY'2007, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/07)**



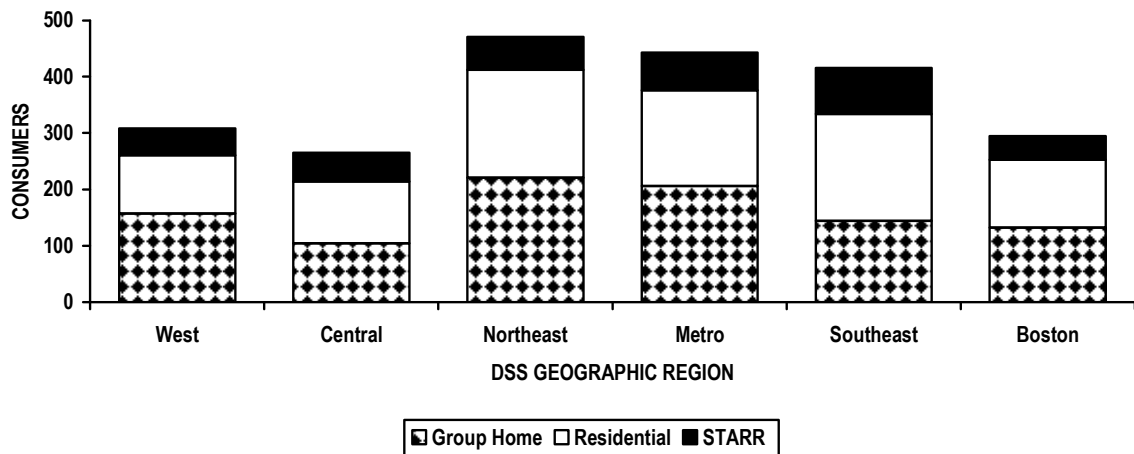
**FIGURE 7B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS  
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FY'2007, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/07)**



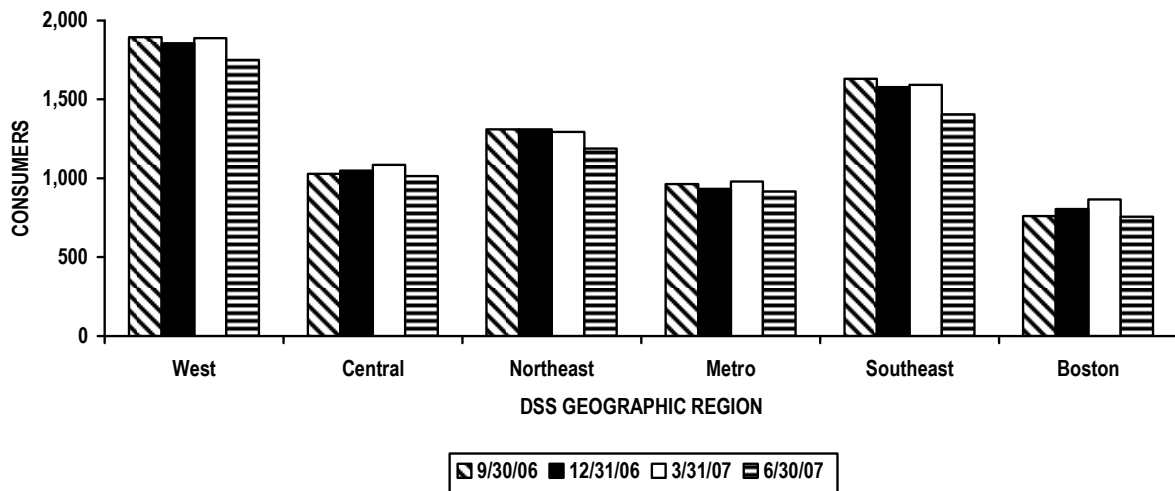
**FIGURE 8A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS  
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FY'2007, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/07)**



**FIGURE 8B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS  
IN CONGREGATE CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION  
FY'2007, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/07)**



**FIGURE 9. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE BY DSS REGION  
(FY'2007, End of 1ST QUARTER to FY'2007, End of 4TH QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 10. CONSUMERS IN CONGREGATE CARE BY DSS REGION  
(FY'2007, End of 1ST QUARTER to FY'2007, End of 4TH QUARTER)**

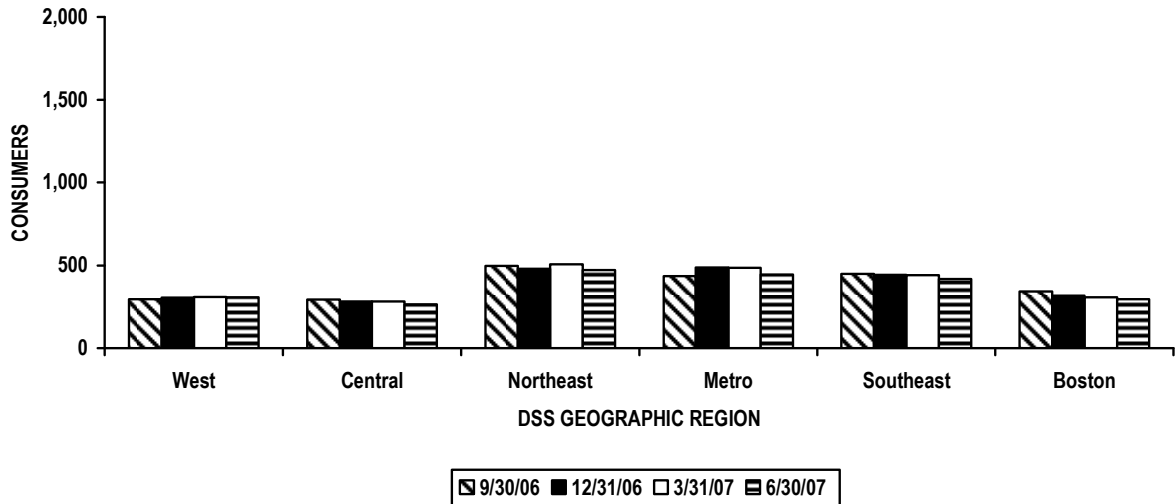




TABLE 6A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: SEX, RACE, AND HISPANIC ORIGIN BY DSS REGIONS AND STATE: FY2007, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/07)

Characteristics	DSS Geographic Region												Adoption Contracts <sup>(1)</sup> Other <sup>(2)</sup>				Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston							
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Sex:																		
Female	1,050	48%	657	49%	888	50%	725	51%	926	49%	582	50%	121	50%	15	37%	4,964	49%
Male	1,125	52%	693	51%	890	50%	708	49%	972	51%	584	50%	119	50%	26	63%	5,117	51%
Total	2,175	100%	1,350	100%	1,778	100%	1,433	100%	1,898	100%	1,166	100%	240	100%	41	100%	10,081	100%
Race:																		
White	1,404	65%	913	68%	1,065	60%	968	68%	1,267	67%	263	23%	110	46%	4	10%	5,994	59%
Black	302	14%	149	11%	188	11%	255	18%	318	17%	660	57%	51	21%	31	76%	1,954	19%
Asian	4	*	6	*	96	5%	22	2%	16	1%	18	2%	5	2%	3	7%	170	2%
Native American	2	*	1	*	2	*	---	---	6	*	3	*	1	*	---	---	15	*
Other <sup>(3)</sup>	2	*	2	*	---	---	---	---	3	*	1	*	---	---	---	---	8	*
Multi-Racial	105	5%	50	4%	82	5%	58	4%	107	6%	42	4%	22	9%	---	---	466	5%
Unspecified	356	16%	229	17%	345	19%	130	9%	181	10%	179	15%	51	21%	3	7%	1,474	15%
Total	2,175	100%	1,350	100%	1,778	100%	1,433	100%	1,898	100%	1,166	100%	240	100%	41	100%	10,081	100%
Hispanic/Latino Origin:																		
Hispanic/Latino	756	35%	367	27%	583	33%	203	14%	252	13%	266	23%	62	26%	3	7%	2,492	25%
Not Hispanic/Latino	1,305	60%	909	67%	1,130	64%	1,158	81%	1,543	81%	838	72%	165	69%	30	73%	7,078	70%
Unspecified	114	5%	74	5%	65	4%	72	5%	103	5%	62	5%	13	5%	8	20%	511	5%
Total	2,175	100%	1,350	100%	1,778	100%	1,433	100%	1,898	100%	1,166	100%	240	100%	41	100%	10,081	100%

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

<sup>(1)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

<sup>(3)</sup> Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

TABLE 6B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE BY DSS REGIONS AND STATE:  
FY'2007, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/07)

Characteristics	DSS Geographic Region														Adoption				Total No. %
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts <sup>(1)</sup>		Other <sup>(2)</sup>				
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%			
Age:																			
( 0 - 2 yrs)	331	15%	218	16%	173	10%	178	12%	298	16%	134	11%	42	18%	---	---	1,374	14%	
( 3 - 5 yrs)	267	12%	136	10%	137	8%	118	8%	195	10%	94	8%	62	26%	2	5%	1,011	10%	
( 6 - 11 yrs)	425	20%	282	21%	299	17%	220	15%	326	17%	140	12%	99	41%	3	7%	1,794	18%	
(12 - 17 yrs)	893	41%	569	42%	869	49%	686	48%	794	42%	575	49%	37	15%	18	44%	4,441	44%	
18 or older	259	12%	145	11%	300	17%	231	16%	285	15%	223	19%	---	---	18	44%	1,461	14%	
Total	2,175	100%	1,350	100%	1,778	100%	1,433	100%	1,898	100%	1,166	100%	240	100%	41	100%	10,081	100%	
Service Plan Goals:																			
Reunify Family	622	29%	437	32%	553	31%	470	33%	629	33%	337	29%	---	---	3	7%	3,051	30%	
Adoption	582	27%	392	29%	331	19%	239	17%	428	23%	207	18%	236	98%	---	---	2,415	24%	
Living Independently	397	18%	205	15%	419	24%	339	24%	404	21%	333	29%	---	---	28	68%	2,125	21%	
Long-Term Substitute Care	252	12%	136	10%	240	13%	159	11%	172	9%	92	8%	---	---	4	10%	1,055	10%	
Stabilize Intact Family	119	5%	70	5%	88	5%	82	6%	82	4%	81	7%	2	1%	---	---	524	5%	
Guardianship	100	5%	64	5%	70	4%	66	5%	99	5%	51	4%	2	1%	---	---	452	4%	
Long-Term Care w/Adult Serv. Agen.	64	3%	33	2%	59	3%	50	3%	74	4%	51	4%	---	---	---	---	331	3%	
Unspecified	39	2%	13	1%	18	1%	28	2%	10	1%	14	1%	---	---	6	15%	128	1%	
Total	2,175	100%	1,350	100%	1,778	100%	1,433	100%	1,898	100%	1,166	100%	240	100%	41	100%	10,081	100%	
Continuous Time in Care:																			
(.5 yr or less)	507	23%	387	29%	430	24%	386	27%	430	23%	302	26%	7	3%	2	5%	2,451	24%	
(> .5 - 1 yr)	345	16%	250	19%	242	14%	256	18%	355	19%	176	15%	18	8%	9	22%	1,651	16%	
(> 1 - 1.5 yrs)	315	14%	166	12%	209	12%	188	13%	288	15%	138	12%	33	14%	6	15%	1,343	13%	
(> 1.5 - 2 yrs)	213	10%	95	7%	142	8%	107	7%	171	9%	94	8%	47	20%	3	7%	872	9%	
(> 2 - 4 yrs)	389	18%	254	19%	352	20%	275	19%	357	19%	219	19%	79	33%	18	44%	1,943	19%	
> 4 yrs	406	19%	198	15%	403	23%	221	15%	297	16%	237	20%	56	23%	3	7%	1,821	18%	
Total	2,175	100%	1,350	100%	1,778	100%	1,433	100%	1,898	100%	1,166	100%	240	100%	41	100%	10,081	100%	

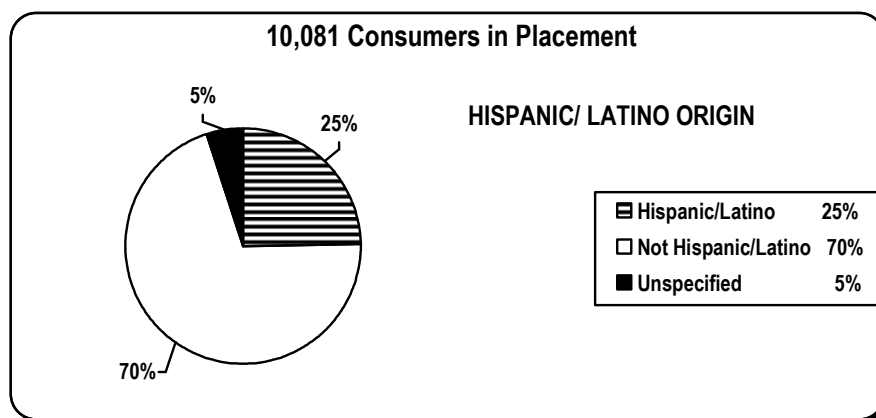
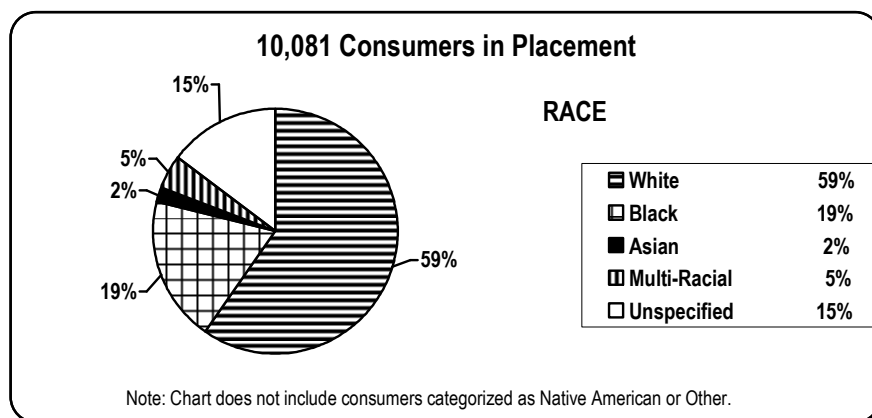
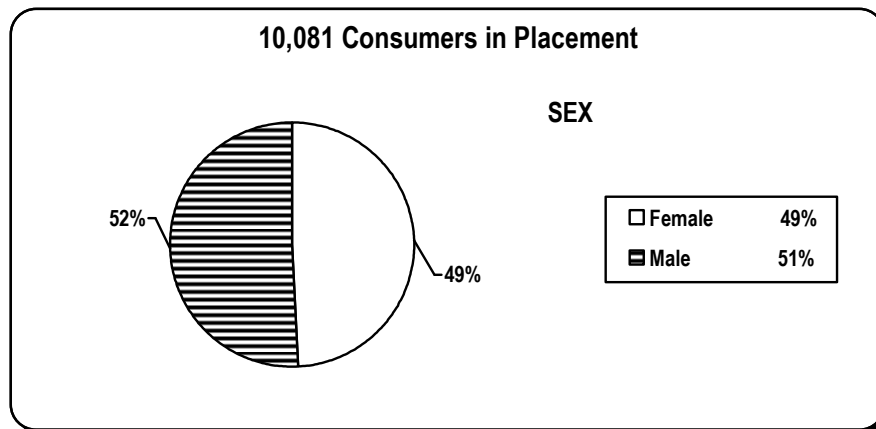
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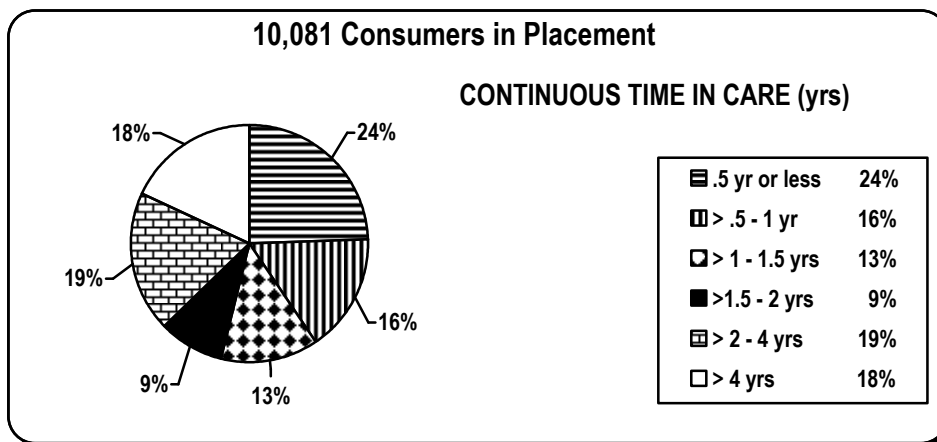
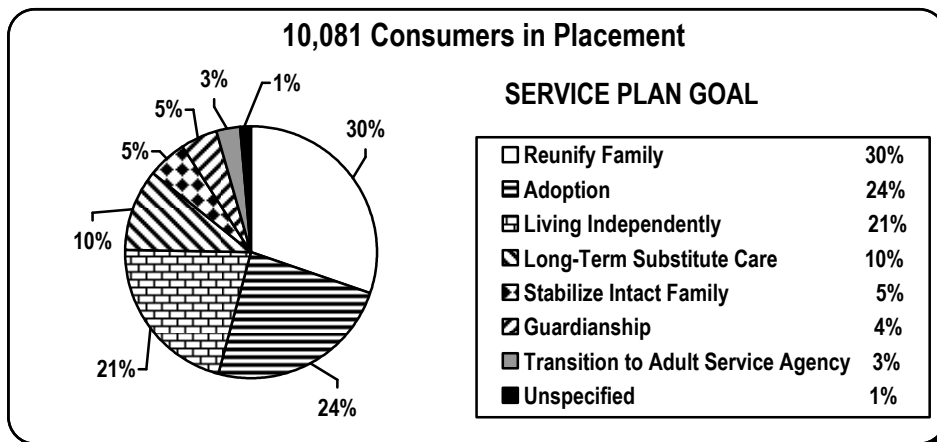
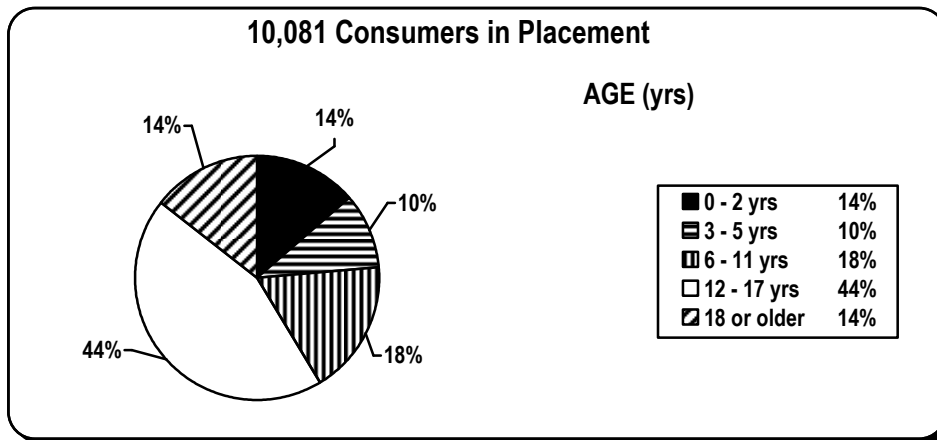
<sup>(1)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**FIGURE 11A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY SEX, RACE, AND HISPANIC ORIGIN  
STATEWIDE: FY'2007, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/07)**



**FIGURE 11B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL,  
AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT  
STATEWIDE: FY'2007, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/07)**



**TABLE 7A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE: FY'2007, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/07)**

Continuous Time in Care	Race of Consumers												Total			
	Native															
	White		Black		Asian		American		Other <sup>(1)</sup>		Multi-Racial		Unspecified			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
(.5 yr or less)	1,432	24%	454	23%	51	30%	3	20%	2	25%	118	25%	391	27%	2,451	24%
(>.5 - 1 yr)	1,006	17%	293	15%	26	15%	2	13%	4	50%	84	18%	236	16%	1,651	16%
(>1 - 1.5 yrs)	829	14%	232	12%	16	9%	---	---	---	---	62	13%	204	14%	1,343	13%
(>1.5 - 2 yrs)	520	9%	157	8%	15	9%	1	7%	1	13%	49	11%	129	9%	872	9%
(>2 - 4 yrs)	1,137	19%	408	21%	24	14%	6	40%	---	---	96	21%	272	18%	1,943	19%
> 4yrs	1,070	18%	410	21%	38	22%	3	20%	1	13%	57	12%	242	16%	1,821	18%
Total	5,994	100%	1,954	100%	170	100%	15	100%	8	100%	466	100%	1,474	100%	10,081	100%

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

**TABLE 7B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE: STATEWIDE  
FY'2007, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/07)**

Continuous Time in Care	Hispanic/Latino Origin <sup>(1)</sup> of Consumers						Total	
	Hispanic/ Latino		Not Hispanic/ Latino		Unspecified			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
(.5 yr or less)	565	23%	1,736	25%	150	29%	2,451	24%
(>.5 - 1 yr)	402	16%	1,147	16%	102	20%	1,651	16%
(>1 - 1.5 yrs)	337	14%	930	13%	76	15%	1,343	13%
(>1.5 - 2 yrs)	228	9%	597	8%	47	9%	872	9%
(>2 - 4 yrs)	491	20%	1,368	19%	84	16%	1,943	19%
> 4yrs	469	19%	1,300	18%	52	10%	1,821	18%
Total	2,492	100%	7,078	100%	511	100%	10,081	100%

<sup>(1)</sup> Consumers of any race who self-identify as being of Hispanic origin.

**TABLE 8A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL: STATEWIDE FY'2007, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/07)**

Service Plan Goal	Race of Consumers												Total			
	White		Black		Asian		Native American		Other <sup>(1)</sup>		Multi-Racial				Unspecified	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Reunify Family	1,866	61%	516	17%	56	2%	3	*	4	*	142	5%	464	15%	3,051	100%
Adoption	1,445	60%	407	17%	11	*	3	*	---	---	177	7%	372	15%	2,415	100%
Living Independently	1,193	56%	551	26%	49	2%	7	*	3	*	59	3%	263	12%	2,125	100%
Long-Term Substitute Care	634	60%	226	21%	26	2%	1	*	---	---	24	2%	144	14%	1,055	100%
Stabilize Intact Family	312	60%	90	17%	12	2%	1	*	1	*	24	5%	84	16%	524	100%
Guardianship	277	61%	67	15%	8	2%	---	---	---	---	25	6%	75	17%	452	100%
Long-Term Care w/Adult Serv. Agen.	221	67%	57	17%	3	1%	---	---	---	---	7	2%	43	13%	331	100%
Unspecified	46	36%	40	31%	5	4%	---	---	---	---	8	6%	29	23%	128	100%
Total	5,994	59%	1,954	19%	170	2%	15	*	8	*	466	5%	1,474	15%	10,081	100%

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

**TABLE 8B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL: STATEWIDE FY'2007, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/07)**

Service Plan Goal	Hispanic/Latino Origin <sup>(1)</sup> of Consumers						Total	
	Hispanic/ Latino		Not Hispanic/ Latino		Unspecified			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Reunify Family	723	24%	2,144	70%	184	6%	3,051	100%
Adoption	660	27%	1,590	66%	165	7%	2,415	100%
Living Independently	460	22%	1,589	75%	76	4%	2,125	100%
Long-Term Substitute Care	299	28%	727	69%	29	3%	1,055	100%
Stabilize Intact Family	142	27%	363	69%	19	4%	524	100%
Guardianship	98	22%	337	75%	17	4%	452	100%
Long-Term Care w/Adult Serv. Agen.	78	24%	245	74%	8	2%	331	100%
Unspecified	32	25%	83	65%	13	10%	128	100%
Total	2,492	25%	7,078	70%	511	5%	10,081	100%

<sup>(1)</sup> Consumers of any race who self-identify as being of Hispanic/Latino origin.

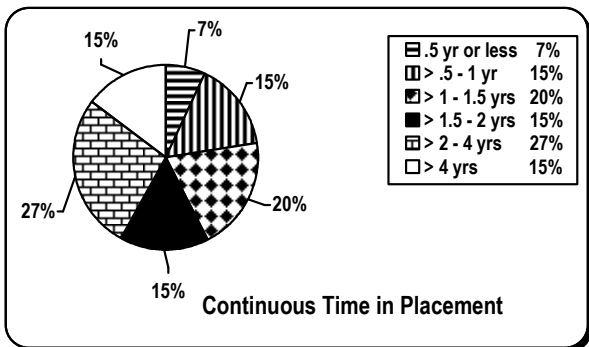
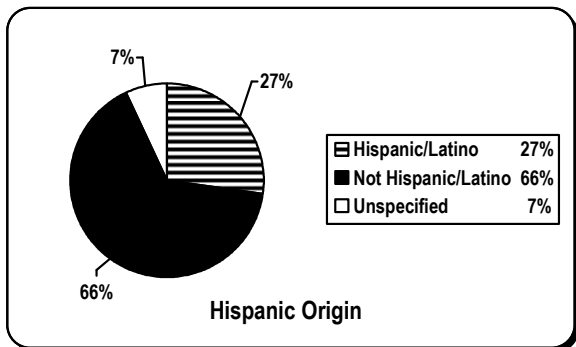
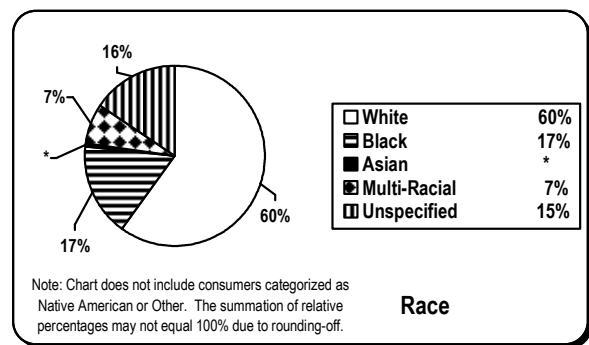
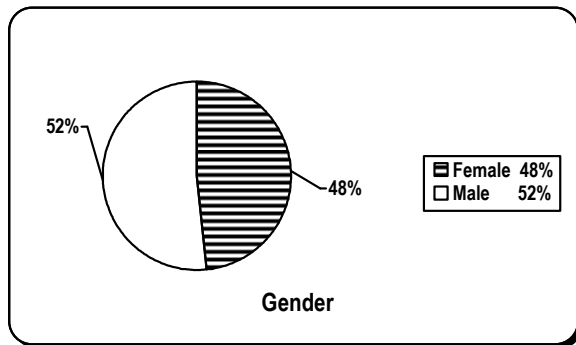
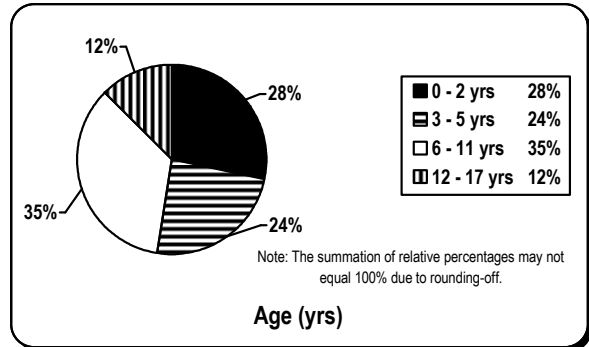
**TABLE 8C. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE GROUP AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL: STATEWIDE FY'2007, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/07)**

Service Plan Goal	Age Group of Consumers										Total	
	(0 - 2 yrs)		(3 - 5 yrs)		(6 - 11 yrs)		(12 - 17 yrs)		18 or older			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Reunify Family	578	19%	359	12%	569	19%	1,516	50%	29	1%	3,051	100%
Adoption	684	28%	578	24%	847	35%	299	12%	7	*	2,415	100%
Living Independently	---	---	---	---	---	---	963	45%	1,162	55%	2,125	100%
Long-Term Substitute Care	2	*	2	*	104	10%	900	85%	47	4%	1,055	100%
Stabilize Intact Family	48	9%	28	5%	93	18%	327	62%	28	5%	524	100%
Guardianship	23	5%	39	9%	161	36%	223	49%	6	1%	452	100%
Long-Term Care w/Adult Serv. Agen.	---	---	---	---	6	2%	148	45%	177	53%	331	100%
Unspecified	39	30%	5	4%	14	11%	65	51%	5	4%	128	100%
Total	1,374	14%	1,011	10%	1,794	18%	4,441	44%	1,461	14%	10,081	100%

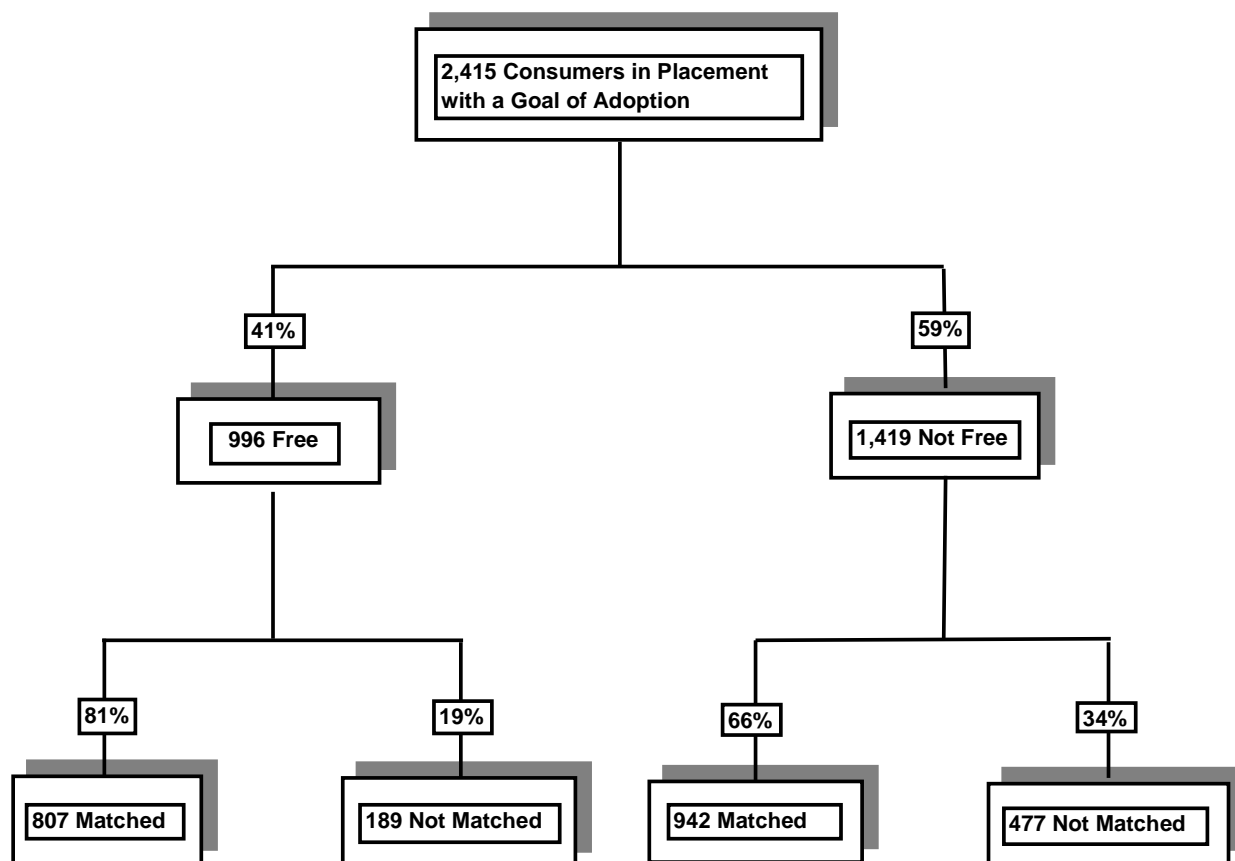
**TABLE 8D. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL: STATEWIDE FY'2007, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/07)**

Service Plan Goal	Continuous Time in Placement										Total			
	(.5yr or less		(> .5 - 1 yr)		(>1 - 1.5 yrs)		(>1.5 - 2 yrs)		(>2 - 4 yrs)				> 4 yrs	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Reunify Family	1,475	48%	892	29%	366	12%	133	4%	157	5%	28	1%	3,051	100%
Adoption	170	7%	371	15%	486	20%	373	15%	658	27%	357	15%	2,415	100%
Living Independently	149	7%	179	8%	229	11%	183	9%	567	27%	818	38%	2,125	100%
Long-Term Substitute Care	84	8%	67	6%	112	11%	96	9%	329	31%	367	35%	1,055	100%
Stabilize Intact Family	404	77%	68	13%	21	4%	11	2%	14	3%	6	1%	524	100%
Guardianship	26	6%	56	12%	105	23%	53	12%	147	33%	65	14%	452	100%
Long-Term Care w/Adult Serv. Agen.	21	6%	16	5%	23	7%	23	7%	68	21%	180	54%	331	100%
Unspecified	122	95%	2	2%	1	1%	---	---	3	2%	---	---	128	100%
Total	2,451	24%	1,651	16%	1,343	13%	872	9%	1,943	19%	1,821	18%	10,081	100%

**Figure 12A. Age, Sex, Race, Hispanic Origin, and Continuous Time in Placement  
of Consumers with a Goal of Adoption  
FY'2007, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/07)**



**Figure 12B. Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption:  
Legal Status and Match Status  
FY'2007, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/07)**

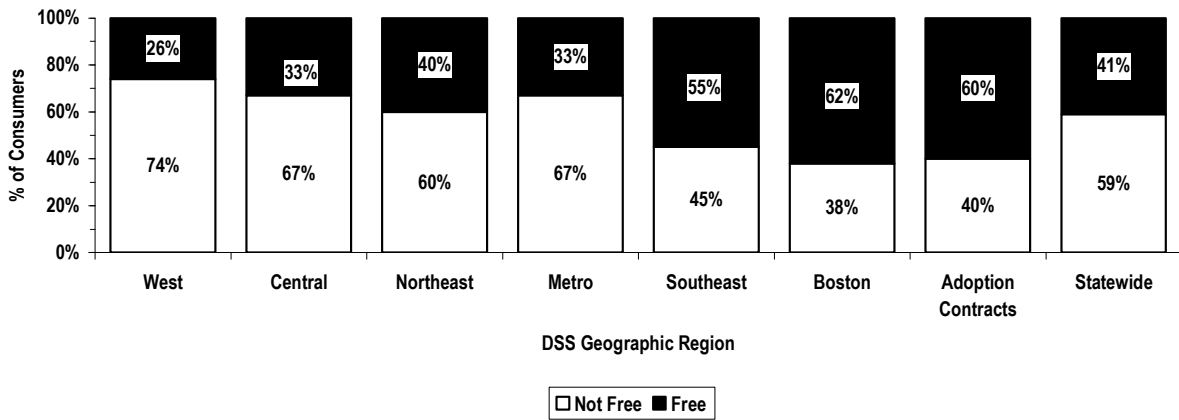


Note: Free = Legally Free for Adoption

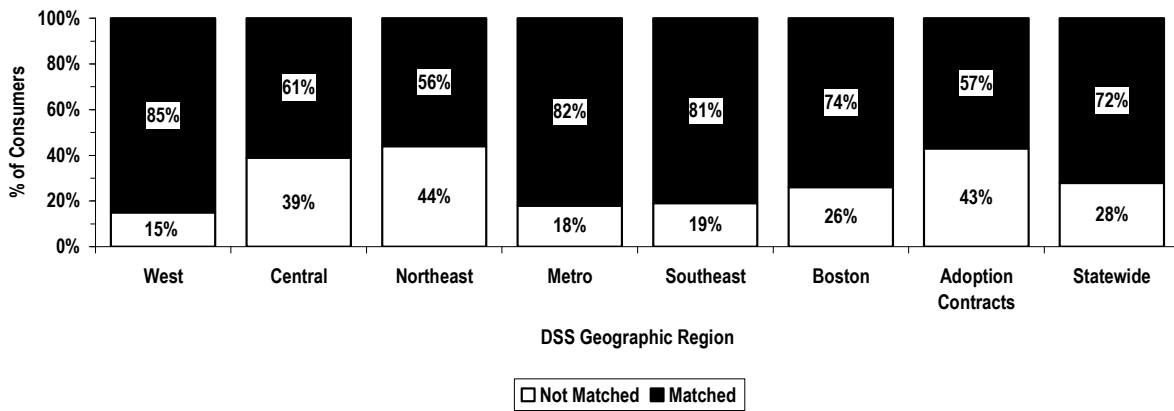
Matched = Matched to a Permanent Family



**FIGURE 12C. Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption and Legally Freed Status  
FY'07, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/07)**



**FIGURE 12D. Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption  
and Whether Matched to a Permanent Family  
FY'07, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/07)**



### Case Intakes (Openings)

- Beginning with the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2007, a programming change was made in order to pick up case openings missed in prior reports (short-term openings and closings within the quarter). Consequently, these intake statistics cannot be compared with previous quarters. Monitoring for trends will need to proceed from the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2007 (**Fig. 14**).
- During the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2007, there were 4,226 case openings (unduplicated) and 17,340 consumer openings (unduplicated). Case openings include both new cases and cases that previously had been closed by DSS. Consumers who entered the DSS system during the quarter include both members of new cases and new members of ongoing cases, as well as re-opened consumers (previously opened and closed). (**Tables 9A and 9B**)
- Eighty percent of case intakes and 84% of consumer intakes were due to supported abuse/neglect reports. (**Tables 9A and 9B**)
- Voluntary requests for services accounted for 8% of case intakes and 7% of consumer intakes. (**Tables 9A and 9B**)
- CHINS referrals amounted to 8% of case intakes and 7% of consumer intakes. (**Tables 9A and 9B**)
- The proportion of case openings by type of intake is presented for each region in Fig. 13. Supported reports accounted for 77-84% of the total intakes for each region. The Boston and Southeastern Regions had the largest proportion of CHINS referrals (10-11%). Voluntary requests ranged from 5% in the West to 11% in both Metro and Central. (**Fig. 13, Table 9A**)
- Counts of CHINS referrals were highest in the Southeast (96). Voluntary requests were highest in the Southeast and Metro (75 and 74 case openings, respectively). Case intakes via supported reports of child maltreatment were most numerous in the West (747) and Southeast (719). (**Table 9A**). The West and Southeast had the highest numbers of supported investigations during the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2007 (See **Table 14** on page 52).
- Statewide and regionally, case openings are lowest in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. (**Fig. 14**). This quarterly trend in case openings is driven by reports and investigations. Reports and investigations are lowest in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter (summer vacation) then rise during the school year (**Figs. 20 and 21** on page 54).

**TABLE 9A. CASE INTAKES DURING THE QUARTER BY TYPE OF INITIAL CONTACT AND DSS REGION:**  
**FY'2007, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/07 - 6/30/07)**

DSS Geographic Region	Case Counts <sup>(1)</sup>										Total  No.
	Supported CA/N Reports		CHINS Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Other <sup>(2)</sup>		Unspecified		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
West	747	84%	68	8%	43	5%	17	2%	16	2%	891
Central	487	78%	48	8%	70	11%	15	2%	2	*	622
Northeast	486	78%	46	7%	55	9%	35	6%	2	*	624
Metro	552	82%	36	5%	74	11%	11	2%	---	---	673
Southeast	719	77%	96	10%	75	8%	34	4%	8	1%	932
Boston	420	79%	60	11%	40	8%	10	2%	1	*	531
Adoption Contracts <sup>(3)</sup>	1	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
Total	3,412	80%	354	8%	357	8%	122	3%	29	*	4,274

<sup>(1)</sup> Case openings include both new cases and cases that previously had been closed. The total summation for each DSS Region is a duplicated count because some families had more than one case opening in a quarter by more than one type of initial contact. The unduplicated count of total case openings is **4,226**.

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes Court Referral, Institutional Abuse/Neglect, and Other.

<sup>(3)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

**TABLE 9B. CONSUMER INTAKES DURING THE QUARTER BY TYPE OF INITIAL CONTACT AND DSS REGION:**  
**FY'2007, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/07 - 6/30/07)**

DSS Geographic Region	Consumer Counts <sup>(1)</sup>										Total No.
	Supported CA/N Reports		CHINS Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Other <sup>(2)</sup>		Unspecified		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Western	3,268	89%	173	5%	147	4%	57	2%	18	*	3,663
Central	2,219	81%	187	7%	274	10%	50	2%	3	*	2,733
Northeast	2,136	82%	187	7%	166	6%	120	5%	2	*	2,611
Metro	2,239	85%	128	5%	226	9%	29	1%	---	---	2,622
Southeast	3,064	82%	311	8%	228	6%	138	4%	11	*	3,752
Boston	1,752	83%	202	10%	126	6%	27	1%	2	*	2,109
Adoption Contracts <sup>(3)</sup>	1	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
Other <sup>(4)</sup>	---	---	---	---	2	100%	---	---	---	---	2
Total	14,679	84%	1,188	7%	1,169	7%	421	2%	36	*	17,493

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

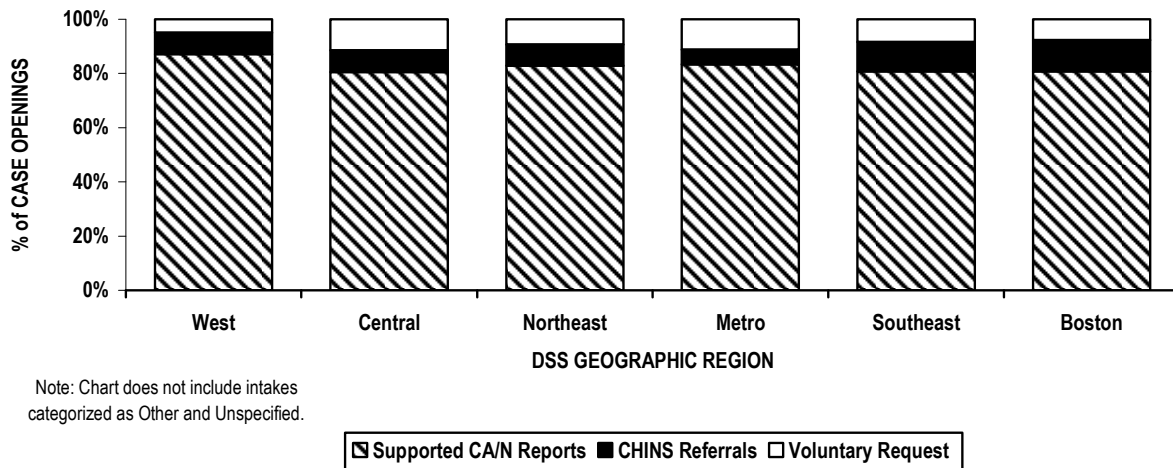
<sup>(1)</sup> Counts of consumers with case openings or newly added to ongoing cases during the quarter. The total summation for each DSS Region is a duplicated count because some consumers had more than one type of initial contact during the quarter. The unduplicated count of total consumers with case openings or newly added to ongoing cases is **17,340**.

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes Court Referral, Institutional Abuse/Neglect, and Other.

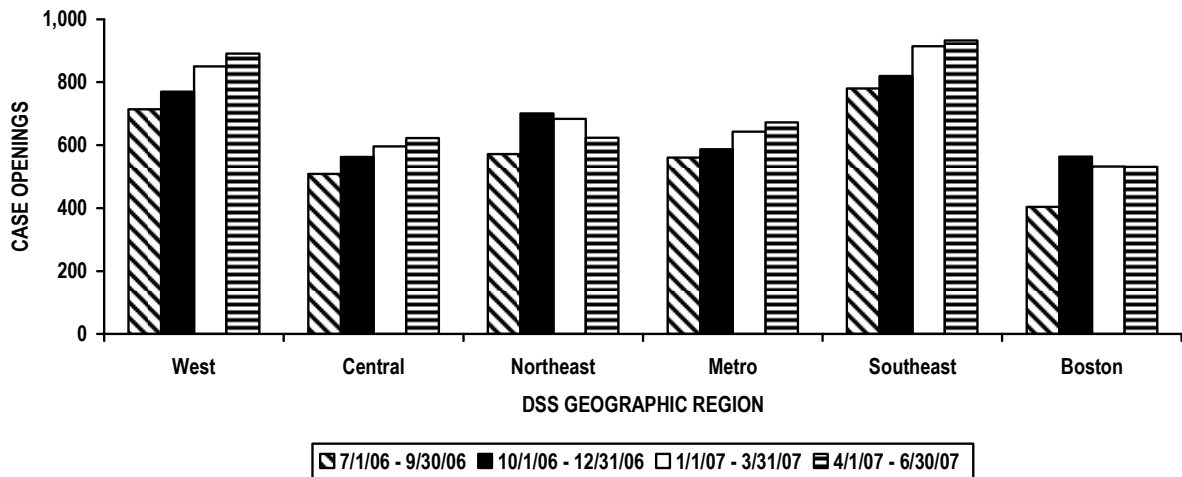
<sup>(3)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

<sup>(4)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**FIGURE 13. REASON FOR CASE OPENINGS BY DSS REGION  
FY'2007, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/07 - 6/30/07)**



**FIGURE 14. INTAKES (CASE OPENINGS) BY DSS REGION  
(FY'2007, 1ST QUARTER - FY'2007, 4TH QUARTER)**



NOTE: Due to a new selection criteria for case openings, counts for FY'2007, Q1 to Q4 cannot be compared to previous quarters.

## **Consumers Entering and Leaving Placement during the Quarter**

- During the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2007, 2,047 consumers started at least one placement and 2,251 consumers left at least one placement.<sup>19</sup> These counts of placement dynamics do not include consumers who changed placements during the quarter. (Tables 10 and 11)
- From the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2007, consumers entering placement declined 3% while consumers leaving placement rose 18%. The rise in consumers leaving care is due to a 29% increase in children returned home (a gain of 341 individuals).

### **Entries to Placement**

- There was an 8% decrease in first-time entrants to placement during the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2007 as compared to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2007. Re-entrants increased 8% from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter. (Table 10)
- The 8% decrease in first-time entrants to placement was due to a 10% drop in first-time entrants to foster care. The Central and Southeastern Regions had the largest declines (33% and 21%, respectively) in first-time entrants to foster care. (Table 10)
- Of those consumers who entered a placement setting during the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2007, 62% were first-time entrants and 38% were re-entrants.<sup>20</sup> Regionally, the proportion of first-time entrants ranged from 56% in Central to 66% in the West. (Table 10, Fig. 15)
- The largest proportion of consumers entering placement (first-time entrants and re-entrants combined) occurred in the West (24% of statewide entrants). (Table 10)
- Across the state, 69% of all entrants were placed in foster care, 26% were placed in congregate care,<sup>21</sup> and 5% were placed in non-referral locations.<sup>22</sup> Regionally, foster care entrants ranged from 57% in Metro to 79% in the West. (Table 10, Fig. 16)
- Statewide, first-time entrants to placement were more likely than re-entrants to be placed in foster care. Seventy-four percent of first-time entrants and 61% of re-entrants were placed in foster homes. Conversely, 31% of re-entrants and 22% of first-time entrants were placed in congregate care. (Table 10)

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<sup>19</sup> For individuals with multiple entries and exits during the quarter, only the first entry and last exit were selected.

<sup>20</sup> Re-entrants are consumers who had been in placement at some point in the past.

<sup>21</sup> Congregate Care includes group home, residential treatment, and short-term residential placement.

<sup>22</sup> Non-referral locations include hospitals, nursing homes, and other state agencies.

- Compared to other regions, Metro placed a higher proportion of re-entrants (43%) into congregate care. At the other extreme, the Central Region placed 23% of re-entrants into congregate care (and 73% of re-entrants into foster care). **(Table 10, Fig. 16)**

### **Exits from Placement**

- Statewide, 67% of the consumers leaving a placement setting were returned home. The proportion returned home ranged from 56% in Boston to 73% in the Northeast. **(Table 11)**
- Statewide, 8% of consumers leaving placement were adopted, 8% were emancipated, and 6% were granted guardianships. Regionally, the proportion of consumers adopted ranged from 5% in Metro to 11% in the West; emancipated consumers ranged from 5% in Central to 10% in both Metro and the Southeast; and consumers with guardianships ranged from 3% in the Northeast to 8% in the Southeast. **(Table 11)**

**TABLE 10. CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER BY DSS REGION:**  
**FY'2007, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/07 - 6/31007)**

Entry Placement Type Location Started	DSS Geographic Region							Total
	West	Central	Northeast	Metro	Southeast	Boston	Other <sup>(1)</sup>	
<b>First-Time Entrants:</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1,271</b>
Foster Care	279	123	160	118	166	89	4	939
Congregate Care	40	24	67	66	48	37	---	282
Non-Referral Location <sup>(2)</sup>	11	7	6	7	7	12	---	50
<b>Re-Entrants:</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>776</b>
Foster Care	115	87	87	56	77	55	---	477
Congregate Care	41	27	48	50	43	33	---	242
Non-Referral Location <sup>(2)</sup>	12	5	11	10	8	11	---	57
<b>Total</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2,047</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

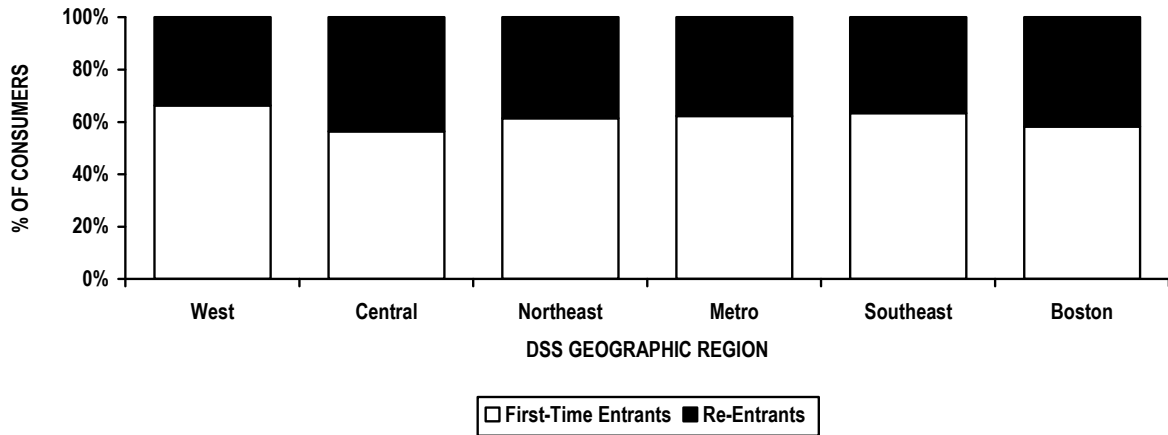
<sup>(2)</sup> Includes hospitals and other state agencies.

**TABLE 11. CONSUMERS LEAVING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER BY DSS REGION:**  
**FY'2007, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/07 - 6/31007)**

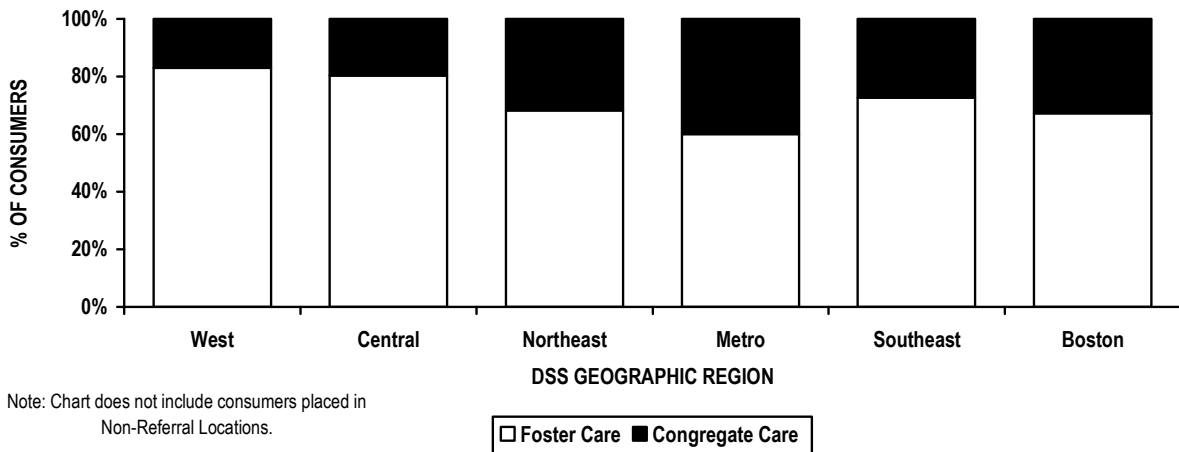
Reason Placement Ended	DSS Geographic Region							Total
	West	Central	Northeast	Metro	Southeast	Boston	Other <sup>(1)</sup>	
<b>Child Returned Home</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>1,505</b>
<b>Child 18 or Older</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>187</b>
<b>Consumer Adopted</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>184</b>
<b>Guardianship</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>127</b>
<b>Custody to Other Individual</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>92</b>
<b>Custody to Other Agency</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Consumer Deceased</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Unspecified</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>124</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2,251</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**FIGURE 15. CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT  
DURING THE QUARTER (FIRST-TIME ENTRANTS AND RE-ENTRANTS)  
FY'2007, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/07 - 6/30/07)**



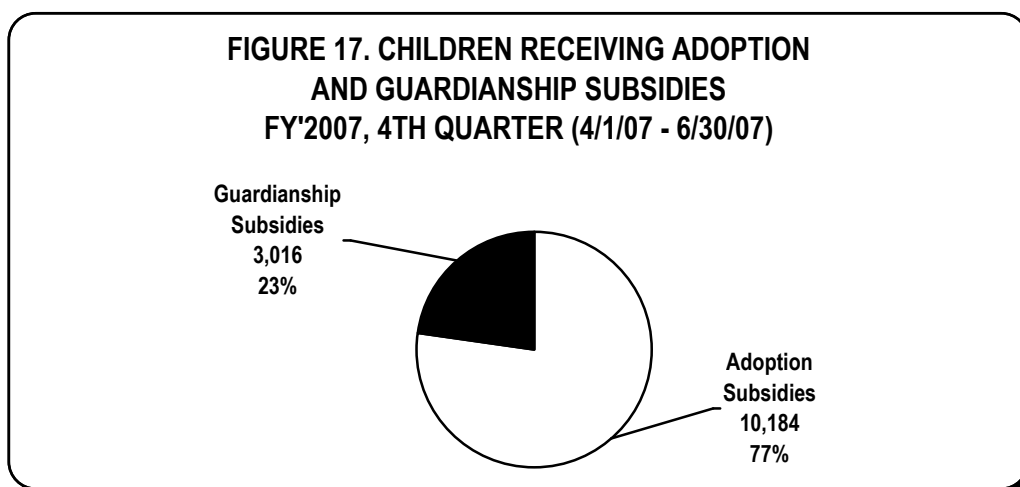
**FIGURE 16. ALL CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER  
TO FOSTER AND CONGREGATE CARE  
FY'2007, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/07 - 6/30/07)**





### Adoption and Guardianship Subsidies

- At the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2007, the total number of children receiving adoption subsidies was 10,184. Guardianship subsidies totaled 3,016. (**Fig. 17**)



From the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter to the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2007, adoption subsidies declined 1% and guardianship subsidies decreased less than 1%. Typically, adoption subsidies increase about 1% each quarter while guardianship subsidies increase around 1-3% (See table below). The declines in adoption and guardianship subsidies during the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY'2007 resulted from a concerted effort to close service referrals that were active but not disbursing funds.

	Subsidies (Active Service Referrals)			
	Adoption		Guardianship	
Quarter	No.	Quarterly Change	No.	Quarterly Change
FY'2004 1 <sup>st</sup>	9,605	1%	2,839	*
2 <sup>nd</sup>	9,616	*	2,866	1%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	9,712	1%	2,944	3%
4 <sup>th</sup>	9,859	2%	2,996	2%
FY'2005 1 <sup>st</sup>	9,954	1%	3,002	*
2 <sup>nd</sup>	10,081	1%	3,081	3%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	10,002	-1%	3,050	-1%
4 <sup>th</sup>	10,146	1%	3,083	1%
FY'2006 1 <sup>st</sup>	10,113	*	3,073	*
2 <sup>nd</sup>	10,224	1%	3,098	1%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	10,322	1%	3,119	1%
4 <sup>th</sup>	10,463	1%	3,115	*
FY'2007 1 <sup>st</sup>	10,149	-3%	3,017	-3%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	10,190	*	2,967	-2%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	10,287	1%	3,019	2%
4 <sup>th</sup>	10,184	-1%	3,016	*

\* = less than 1% after rounding-off

### **Foster Homes**<sup>23</sup>

- At the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2007, there were 4,447 foster homes under the direct supervision of DSS. Included in this total are kinship and child-specific (restricted) homes<sup>24</sup> as well as unrestricted homes.<sup>25</sup> There was a nearly equal number of restricted (2,243) and unrestricted (2,204) foster homes. **(Table 12A)**
- At the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'1998, 29% of all DSS foster homes were restricted homes. Restricted homes as a proportion of all foster homes gradually reached a maximum level of 52% in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY'2004. Restricted homes remained at a 52-53% level through the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY'2007. **(See graph on next page)**
- Statewide, 78% of foster parents in unrestricted homes were White and 62% were married. **(Tables 12A and 12C)**
- Statewide, 74% of the foster parents in restricted homes were White and 54% were married. **(Tables 12A and 12C)**
- Thirteen percent (564) of all foster homes were identified as Black (281 restricted and 283 unrestricted). **(Table 12A)**
- Fifteen percent (689) of all foster homes were identified as Hispanic/Latino (321 restricted and 368 unrestricted). **(Table 12B)**

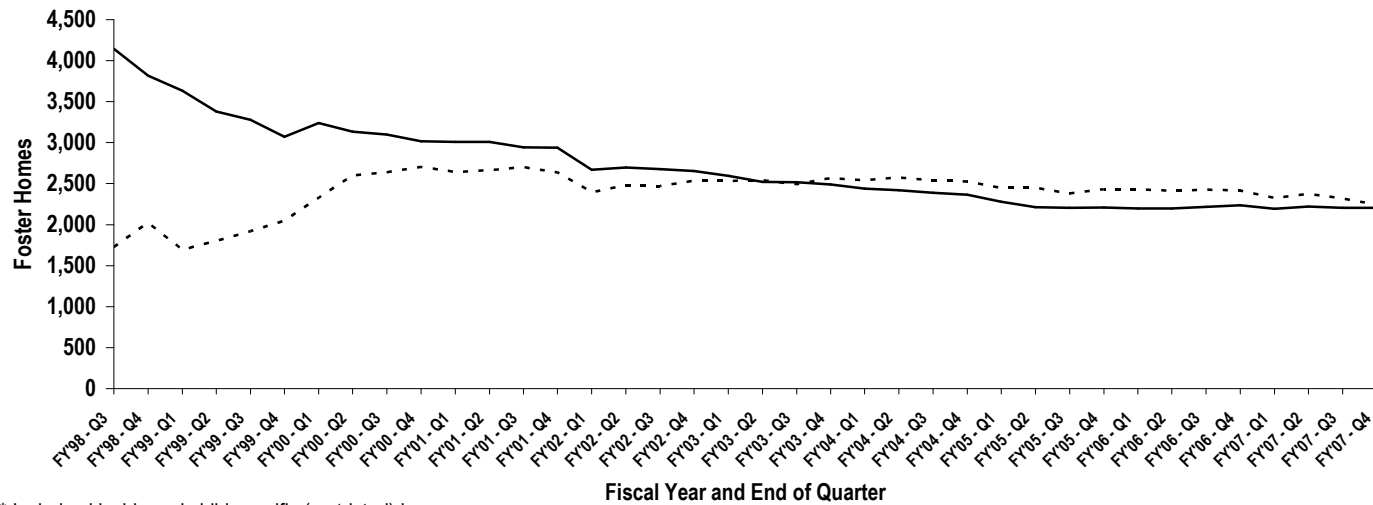
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<sup>23</sup> Foster homes provide formal, temporary out-of-home placement to children who are in the care/custody of DSS. Foster families may be related or unrelated to the child.

<sup>24</sup> Child-specific and kinship placements occur (1) when a court orders a child to be placed in a specific foster home; or (2) when a child requires placement and the child or his/her parent(s) has proposed another home in which the child can be placed; or (3) when DSS places a child with relatives or with a caregiver who is known to the child's family. Placements in kinship and child-specific homes are limited to specified children.

<sup>25</sup> Unrestricted placements are those where DSS places a child with a non-relative foster family. Unlike restricted homes (child specific and kinship), the unrestricted home is not limited to a particular child.

# **RESTRICTED AND UNRESTRICTED FOSTER HOMES\*** **End of 3rd Quarter of FY'1998 (3/31/98) to End of 4th Quarter of FY'2007 (6/30/07)**



\* Includes kinship and child specific (restricted) homes as well as unrestricted homes.

— Unrestricted - - - - - Restricted

TABLE 12A. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY RACE AND DSS REGION: FY'2007, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/07) <sup>(1)</sup>

DSS Geographic Region															Adoption Contracts <sup>(2)</sup>		Total	
Provider	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston							
Status	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Restricted:	447		315		354		353		542		206		26		2,243			
White	369	83%	204	65%	265	75%	287	81%	442	82%	80	39%	16	62%	1,663	74%		
Black	44	10%	11	3%	23	6%	33	9%	63	12%	100	49%	7	27%	281	13%		
Asian	---	---	2	1%	19	7%	1	*	2	*	4	5%	---	---	28	2%		
Native American	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	2%	---	---	---	---	1	*		
Other <sup>(3)</sup>	---	---	---	---	1	*	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	2	*		
Multi-Racial	2	*	3	1%	4	1%	3	1%	---	---	---	---	---	---	12	1%		
Unspecified	32	7%	95	30%	42	12%	29	8%	33	6%	22	11%	3	12%	256	11%		
Unrestricted:	505		334		276		332		498		180		79		2,204			
White	400	79%	282	84%	216	78%	288	87%	400	80%	51	28%	72	91%	1,709	78%		
Black	61	12%	21	6%	12	4%	35	11%	42	8%	106	59%	6	8%	283	13%		
Asian	---	---	---	---	13	5%	---	---	2	*	2	1%	---	---	17	1%		
Native American	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*	7	1%	---	---	---	---	8	*		
Multi-Racial	29	6%	1	*	2	1%	1	*	1	*	1	1%	---	---	35	2%		
Unspecified	15	3%	30	9%	33	12%	7	2%	46	9%	20	11%	1	1%	152	7%		
Total	952		649		630		685		1,040		386		105		4,447			

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes kinship and child specific (restricted) homes as well as unrestricted homes.

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

<sup>(2)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.<sup>(3)</sup> Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.TABLE 12B. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY HISPANIC ORIGIN AND DSS REGION: FY'2007, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/07) <sup>(1)</sup>

DSS Geographic Region															Adoption Contracts <sup>(2)</sup>		Total	
Provider	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston							
Status	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Restricted:	447		315		354		353		542		206		26		2243			
Hispanic/Latino	82	18%	52	17%	72	20%	24	7%	39	7%	48	23%	4	15%	321	14%		
Not Hispanic/Latino	349	78%	198	63%	267	75%	317	90%	476	88%	152	74%	20	77%	1779	79%		
Unspecified	16	4%	65	21%	15	4%	12	3%	27	5%	6	3%	2	8%	143	6%		
Unrestricted:	505		334		276		332		498		180		79		2204			
Hispanic/Latino	127	25%	51	15%	73	26%	16	5%	62	12%	35	19%	4	5%	368	17%		
Not Hispanic/Latino	378	75%	280	84%	198	72%	311	94%	422	85%	144	80%	75	95%	1808	82%		
Unspecified	---	---	3	1%	5	2%	5	2%	14	3%	1	1%	---	---	28	1%		
Total	952		649		630		685		1040		386		105		4447			

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes kinship and child specific (restricted) homes as well as unrestricted homes.<sup>(2)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

**TABLE 12C. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY MARITAL STATUS AND DSS REGION: FY'2007, End of 4TH QUARTER (6/30/07) <sup>(1)</sup>**

DSS Geographic Region														Adoption Contracts <sup>(2)</sup>		Total	
Provider	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston						
Status	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Restricted:	447		315		354		353		542		206		26		2,243		
Married	254	57%	176	56%	187	53%	197	56%	299	55%	72	35%	16	62%	1,201	54%	
Single	105	23%	77	24%	91	26%	86	24%	135	25%	96	47%	6	23%	596	27%	
Divorced	55	12%	38	12%	38	11%	40	11%	62	11%	20	10%	4	15%	257	11%	
Widowed	15	3%	9	3%	22	6%	20	6%	17	3%	11	5%	---	---	94	4%	
Separated	15	3%	9	3%	15	4%	5	1%	19	4%	6	3%	---	---	69	3%	
Unspecified	3	1%	6	2%	1	*	5	1%	10	2%	1	*	---	---	26	1%	
Unrestricted:	505		334		276		332		498		180		79		2,204		
Married	306	61%	230	69%	170	62%	211	64%	335	67%	53	29%	56	71%	1,361	62%	
Single	101	20%	65	19%	66	24%	71	21%	82	16%	81	45%	22	28%	488	22%	
Divorced	61	12%	29	9%	26	9%	35	11%	50	10%	27	15%	1	1%	229	10%	
Widowed	20	4%	4	1%	9	3%	11	3%	21	4%	6	3%	---	---	71	3%	
Separated	17	3%	5	1%	4	1%	3	1%	10	2%	13	7%	---	---	52	2%	
Unspecified	---	---	1	*	1	*	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	*	
Total	952		649		630		685		1,040		386		105		4,447		

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes kinship and child specific (restricted) homes as well as unrestricted homes.

<sup>(2)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

## Reports

- Statewide, 19,446 reports were recorded during the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2007. Sixty-one percent of the reports were screened-in for investigation. Seven percent of all reports were screened-in as emergencies. **(Table 13)**
- Among regions, reports of child maltreatment were most numerous in the West (3,935) and Southeast (2,829). The Judge Baker Children's Center (hotline) recorded 4,287 reports. Regional screen-in rates ranged from 51% in Metro to 65% in the Northeast. The screen-in rate at the Judge Baker Children's Center was 70%. **(Table 13 and Fig. 18)**
- The DSS Regions screened-in 1-3% of all reports as emergencies. In contrast, emergency screen-ins accounted for 24% of the reports received by the Judge Baker Children's Center Hotline. **(Table 13)**
- Statewide, reports rose 1% from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2007. Regional changes ranged from -4% in Metro to 2% in Central. Typically, report counts decline during the summer quarter (Q1) then rise during the school year quarters (Q2-Q4). **(Fig. 20)**

## Investigations

- The number of investigations completed during the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2007 was 10,558.<sup>26</sup> Fifty-eight percent of the investigations resulted in a supported finding. **(Table 14)**
- The Southeast and West conducted more investigations (2,109 and 2,036, respectively) than the other regions. Regional support rates went from a low of 51% in the Northeast to a high of 62% in Metro. Judge Baker staff achieved the highest support rate: 70% of the completed investigations (all emergencies) were supported. **(Table 14, Fig. 19)**

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<sup>26</sup> The number of investigations is lower than the number of screened-in reports. This occurs because an investigation may be associated to multiple reports on the same incident or by reports received on separate but closely occurring incidents.

- The Northeastern Region had the highest screen-in rate (65%) and the lowest support rate (51%). Conversely, the Metro Region had the lowest screen-in rate (51%) and the highest support rate (62%). (**Table 14, Fig. 19**)
- Statewide, investigations increased 7% from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2007. Over the same period, regional changes in investigations ranged from -2% in Metro to 12% in the Southeast. (**Fig. 21**)

**TABLE 13. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DSS REGION: FY'2007, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/07 - 6/30/07)**

DSS Geographic Region	Screening Decision						Total	
	Screened Out		Screened-In					
			Non-Emergency		Emergency			
No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
West	1,693	43%	2,146	55%	96	2%	3,935	20%
Central	994	45%	1,167	53%	31	1%	2,192	11%
Northeast	849	35%	1,511	63%	46	2%	2,406	12%
Metro	994	49%	1,004	49%	40	2%	2,038	10%
Southeast	1,080	38%	1,660	59%	89	3%	2,829	15%
Boston	641	37%	1,059	61%	36	2%	1,736	9%
Judge Baker Children's Center	1,286	30%	1,954	46%	1,047	24%	4,287	22%
Special Investigations	9	39%	14	61%	---	---	23	*
Total	7,546	39%	10,515	54%	1,385	7%	19,446	100%

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

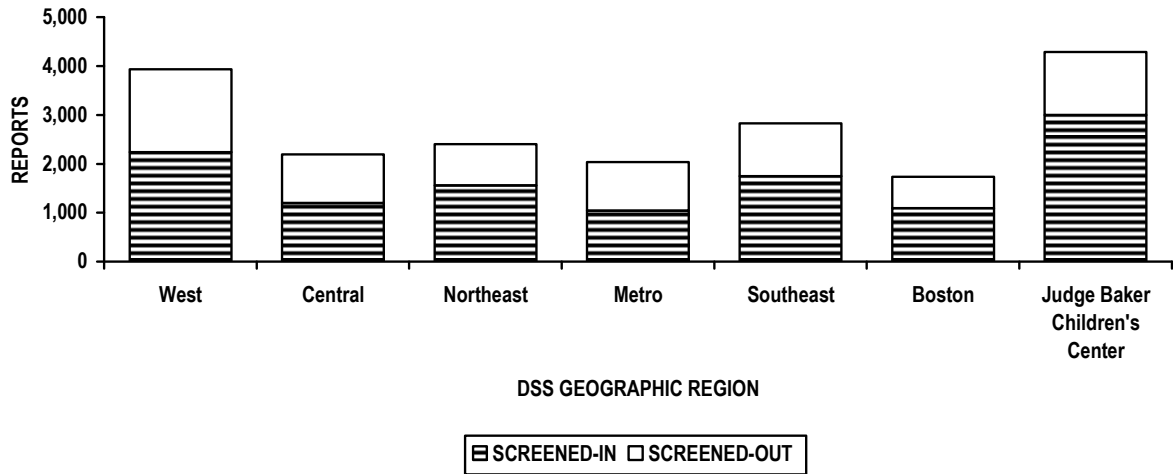
**TABLE 14. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS BY DSS REGION: FY'2007, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/07 - 6/30/07)**

DSS Geographic Region	Investigation Decision				Total	
	Supported		Unsupported			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
West	1,221	60%	815	40%	2,036	19%
Central	705	57%	532	43%	1,237	12%
Northeast	871	51%	824	49%	1,695	16%
Metro	745	62%	458	38%	1,203	11%
Southeast	1,209	57%	900	43%	2,109	20%
Boston	657	58%	478	42%	1,135	11%
Judge Baker Children's Center	637	70%	269	30%	906	9%
Special Investigations	40	17%	197	83%	237	2%
Total	6,085	58%	4,473	42%	10,558	100%

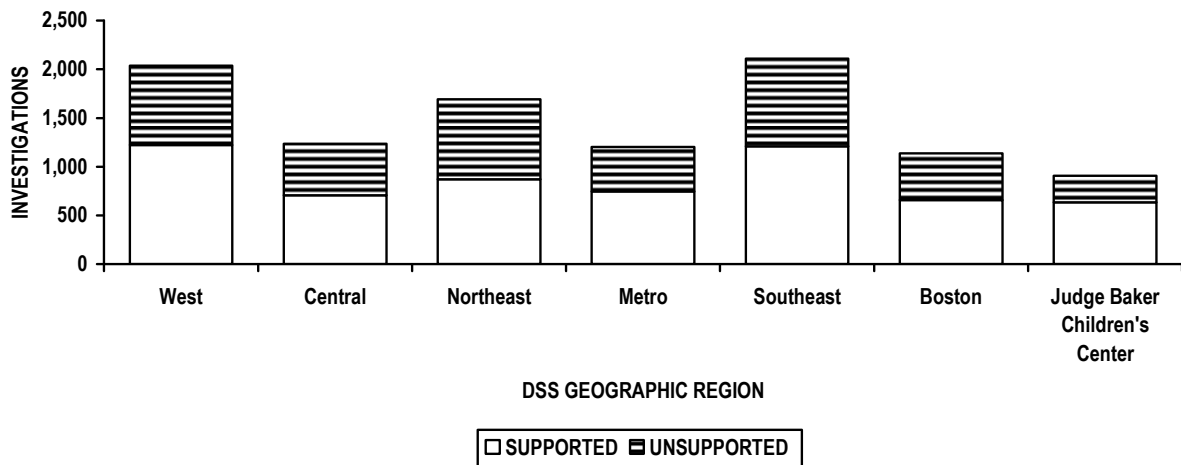
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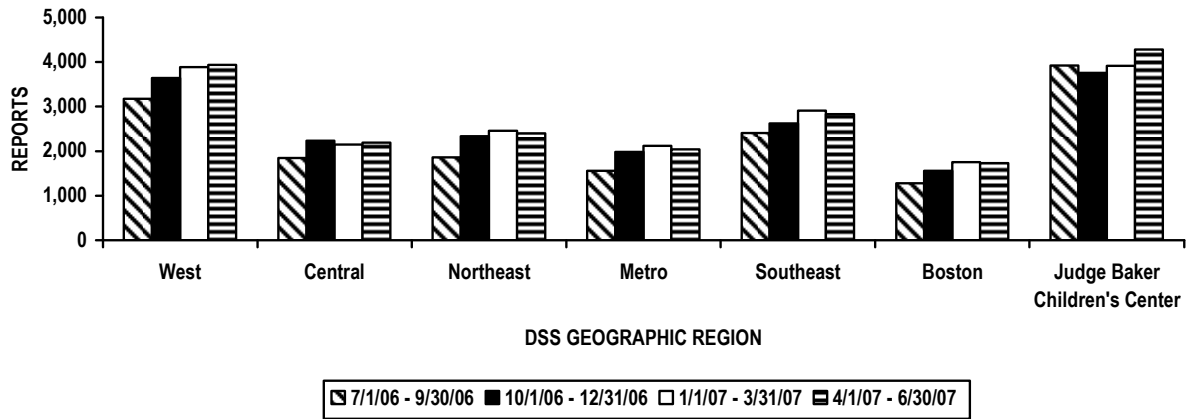
**FIGURE 18. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS  
(SCREENING DECISION BY DSS REGION)  
FY'2007, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/07 - 6/30/07)**



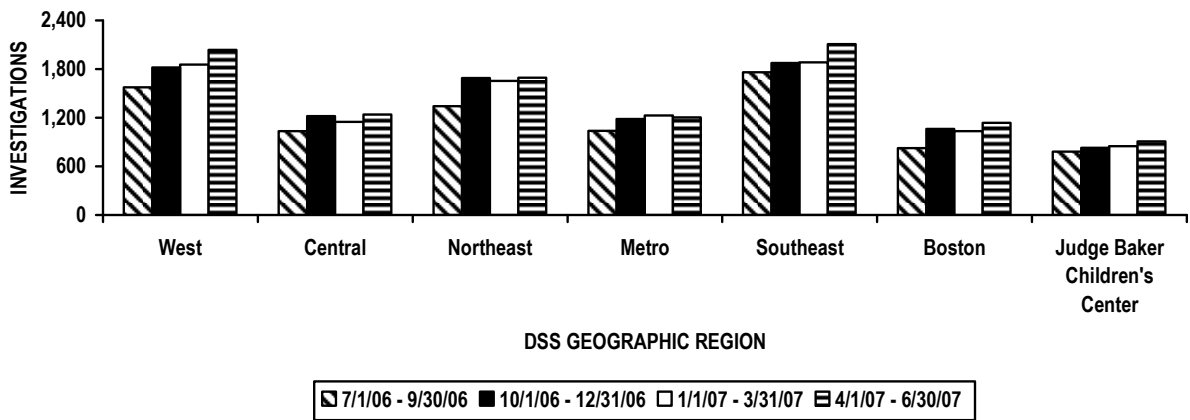
**FIGURE 19. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS  
(INVESTIGATION DECISION BY DSS REGION)  
FY'2007, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/07 - 6/30/07)**



**FIGURE 20. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DSS REGION  
(FY'2007, 1ST QUARTER - FY'2007, 4TH QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 21. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS BY DSS REGION  
(FY'2007, 1ST QUARTER - FY'2007, 4TH QUARTER)**



## DA Referrals

- During the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2007, 1,256 cases were referred to District Attorneys (DAs) (See table below). Forty-nine percent of case referrals to DAs were mandatory referrals<sup>27</sup> and 51% were discretionary referrals<sup>28</sup> (**Fig. 22**).

Date	Mandatory		Discretionary		Total
	No.	%	No.	%	No.
FY'01, Q3	380	43%	504	57%	884
FY'01, Q4	435	48%	468	52%	903
FY'02, Q1	341	46%	403	54%	744
FY'02, Q2	421	45%	507	55%	928
FY'02, Q3	443	42%	614	58%	1,057
FY'02, Q4	494	45%	616	55%	1,110
FY'03, Q1	477	46%	555	54%	1,032
FY'03, Q2	488	48%	530	52%	1,018
FY'03, Q3	525	46%	611	54%	1,136
FY'03, Q4	599	49%	614	51%	1,213
FY'04, Q1	527	52%	489	48%	1,016
FY'04, Q2	489	45%	586	55%	1,075
FY'04, Q3	527	45%	655	55%	1,182
FY'04, Q4	558	45%	669	55%	1,227
FY'05, Q1	500	49%	518	51%	1,018
FY'05, Q2	500	45%	603	55%	1,103
FY'05, Q3	575	47%	637	53%	1,212
FY'05, Q4	547	44%	701	56%	1,248
FY'06, Q1	490	44%	614	56%	1,104
FY'06, Q2	509	44%	659	56%	1,168
FY'06, Q3	518	44%	651	56%	1,169
FY'06, Q4	560	43%	742	57%	1,302
FY'07, Q1	532	49%	554	51%	1,086
FY'07, Q2	577	49%	606	51%	1,183
FY'07, Q3	559	47%	626	53%	1,185
FY'07, Q4	611	49%	645	51%	1,256

\*DA referrals approved during the Quarter.

<sup>27</sup> Mandatory referrals to District Attorneys (and local law enforcement authorities) are made following a DSS investigation that results in a supported report of severe child maltreatment (sexual abuse, severe physical abuse, or death). Mandatory referrals are also made when a maltreatment report is either screened-out or unsupported, on the basis that the alleged perpetrator did not meet the definition of caretaker, but the allegations match one of the aforementioned maltreatment categories.

<sup>28</sup> There are two categories of discretionary referrals: (1) DSS may immediately report cases of serious physical injury to the District Attorney; or (2) DSS may refer other matters involving possible criminal conduct (including but not limited to cases of abuse or neglect) to the District Attorney, regardless of whether the maltreatment report is supported or unsupported.

- Sexual abuse accounted for 78% of the reasons for mandatory case referrals<sup>29</sup> during the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2007 (**Fig. 23, Table 15** on following pages). Twenty-one percent of the case referral reasons were for serious physical abuse.

Date	Sexual Abuse		Physical Abuse		Death <sup>30</sup>		Total
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.
FY'01, Q3	303	75%	91	23%	8	2%	402
FY'01, Q4	346	77%	102	23%	3	1%	451
FY'02, Q1	295	83%	57	16%	5	1%	357
FY'02, Q2	329	75%	107	24%	5	1%	441
FY'02, Q3	361	78%	90	20%	9	2%	460
FY'02, Q4	398	78%	111	22%	3	1%	512
FY'03, Q1	409	82%	84	17%	8	2%	501
FY'03, Q2	412	82%	88	18%	--	--	500
FY'03, Q3	412	76%	123	23%	6	1%	541
FY'03, Q4	455	73%	166	27%	5	1%	626
FY'04, Q1	459	83%	87	16%	9	2%	555
FY'04, Q2	385	76%	114	23%	5	1%	504
FY'04, Q3	414	76%	127	23%	6	1%	547
FY'04, Q4	455	78%	122	21%	6	1%	583
FY'05, Q1	412	80%	97	19%	4	1%	513
FY'05, Q2	398	77%	113	22%	5	1%	516
FY'05, Q3	461	79%	124	21%	2	*	587
FY'05, Q4	444	78%	122	21%	2	*	568
FY'06, Q1	432	86%	66	13%	5	1%	503
FY'06, Q2	432	81%	99	19%	3	1%	534
FY'06, Q3	445	83%	82	15%	7	1%	534
FY'06, Q4	473	82%	95	16%	11	2%	579
FY'07, Q1	472	85%	78	14%	7	1%	557
FY'07, Q2	503	84%	90	15%	5	1%	598
FY'07, Q3	473	82%	93	16%	10	2%	576
FY'07, Q4	487	78%	129	21%	9	1%	625

\* = less than 1% after rounding-off

<sup>29</sup> **A mandatory case referral may include more than one reason** (i.e., more than one type of abuse).

<sup>30</sup> Not all DA referrals resulting from an allegation that a child's death was due to abuse or neglect lead to an ultimate finding that the death was in fact due to abuse or neglect. DSS publishes an annual report of child fatalities that includes an analysis of child deaths due to abuse or neglect.

- Table 16 (on page 59) displays a breakdown of case referrals by type and child's county of residence. In general, the number of referrals was directly related to the number of children under 18 years old in poverty<sup>31</sup> for the county. Referral counts were highest for the most populous counties, Essex, Suffolk, Middlesex, Worcester, and Hampden (encompassing the city of Springfield). Based on a comparison of county estimates for children in poverty, Berkshire County had a higher number of referrals than expected.
- Table 17 (on page 59) shows mandatory case referral reasons and child's county of residence. Essex, Worcester, Middlesex, and Suffolk Counties accounted for 63% of the mandatory case referrals for sexual abuse (includes sexual assault and sexual exploitation). Essex, Suffolk, and Middlesex accounted for 66% of the mandatory case referrals for serious physical abuse.

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<sup>31</sup> U.S. Census Bureau: State & County QuickFacts, Massachusetts QuickLinks, People QuickLinks, Population Estimates, 2004 Income & Poverty, Model-based Estimates for Massachusetts and Counties, Under Age 18 in Poverty, 2004. ([quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/States/250001k.html](http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/States/250001k.html))

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FIGURE 22. TYPE OF CASE REFERRAL (Case Count)

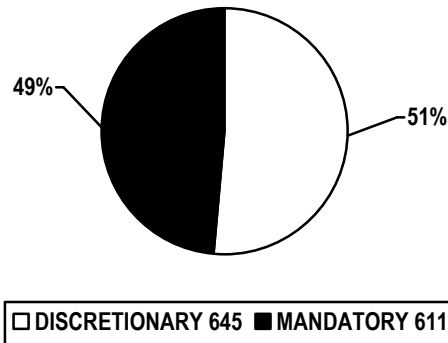
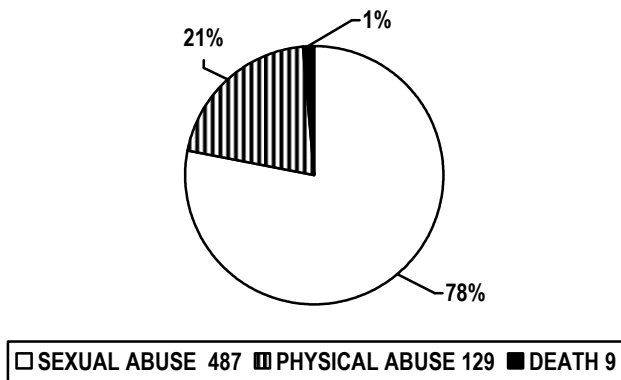


FIGURE 23. REASON FOR MANDATORY REFERRALS (Reason Count)



NOTE: A case referral may include more than one reason (more than one type of maltreatment).

TABLE 15. REASONS FOR MANDATORY CASE REFERRALS TO DISTRICT ATTORNEYS: <sup>(1)</sup>

FY'2007, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/07 - 6/30/07)

Nature of Abuse	Reasons <sup>(1)</sup>	
	No.	%
<b>Sexual Abuse:</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>78%</b>
Sexual Assault	458	
Sexual Exploitation	29	
.....		
<b>Serious Physical Abuse:</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>21%</b>
.....		
<b>Death:</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1%</b>
.....		
<b>Total Reasons for Mandatory Referrals</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>100%</b>

TABLE 16. CASE REFERRALS BY TYPE AND COUNTY: FY'2007, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/07 - 3/30/07)

County <sup>(2)</sup>	Case Referrals				Total No.	2004 Children Under 18 In Poverty
	Discretionary		Mandatory			
	No.	%	No.	%		
Essex	114	43%	154	57%	268	24,443
Suffolk	115	62%	70	38%	185	31,923
Middlesex	97	55%	78	45%	175	29,398
Worcester	72	44%	91	56%	163	24,154
Hampden	94	64%	52	36%	146	24,418
Berkshire	25	32%	53	68%	78	3,959
Bristol	26	34%	50	66%	76	17,879
Norfolk	38	70%	16	30%	54	9,653
Plymouth	31	63%	18	37%	49	11,842
Hampshire	12	55%	10	45%	22	2,849
Barnstable	9	56%	7	44%	16	4,380
Franklin	4	33%	8	67%	12	1,939
Dukes	3	100%	---	---	3	292
Nantucket	---	---	---	---	---	88
OUT OF STATE	5	56%	4	44%	9	---
Total	645		611		1,256	187,216

TABLE 17. MANDATORY CASE REFERRAL REASONS BY COUNTY: <sup>(1)</sup>

FY'2007, 4TH QUARTER (4/1/07 - 6/30/07)

County <sup>(2)</sup>	Reasons for Mandatory Case Referrals <sup>(1)</sup>				Total
	Sexual Assault	Sexual Exploitation	Serious Physical Abuse/Injury	Death	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	
Essex	104	4	49	2	159
Worcester	83	3	5	2	93
Middlesex	58	5	18	---	81
Suffolk	48	4	18	2	72
Hampden	43	2	7	1	53
Berkshire	44	---	9	---	53
Bristol	33	4	13	1	51
Plymouth	14	1	2	1	18
Norfolk	10	---	6	---	16
Hampshire	3	5	2	---	10
Franklin	8	---	---	---	8
Barnstable	6	1	---	---	7
Dukes	---	---	---	---	---
Nantucket	---	---	---	---	---
OUT OF STATE	4				4
<b>Total:</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>625</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> A mandatory case referral may include more than one reason (i.e., more than one type of abuse).<sup>(2)</sup> County where the child resides.